

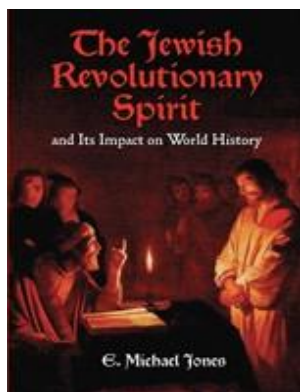
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Robert Faurisson's Blogspot Iran's President Ahmadinejad touts achievement: Advancing Holocaust denials

By [Cheryl K. Chumley](#) - The Washington Times, Monday, July 8, 2013

[Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad](#) said during Sunday's farewell ceremony that one of his biggest accomplishments while president was advancing the perception that the Holocaust never happened.

"That was a taboo topic that no one in the West allowed to be heard," he said, The Times of [Israel](#) reported. "We put it forward at the global level. That broke the spine of the Western capitalistic regime."

[Mr. Ahmadinejad's](#) remarks were on the Iranian Fars news agency in Arabic, but they were omitted from the site's English version, The Times of [Israel](#) reported.

In another part of his speech, [Mr. Ahmadinejad](#) said the Arab region should ban [sic] together and take revenge on [Israel](#) for its leaders' treatment of Palestinians.

"We have two missions: One is developing [Iran](#), and the other one is reforming the world," [Mr. Ahmadinejad](#) said, The Times of [Israel](#) reported. "Some imagine that these two are separate issues and that we should just deal with [Iran](#) and forget the world, but we believe that these two are interrelated and binding issues."

Incoming President-Elect Hassan Rouhani wasn't impressed with [Mr.](#)

[Ahmadinejad's](#) remarks, calling it "hate rhetoric," and saying such rhetoric had nearly brought [Iran](#) to the brink of war, The Times of [Israel](#) reported.

Two further links:

<http://news.msn.com/world/irans-outgoing-president-boasts-of-holocaust-denial>

<http://www.jta.org/2013/07/07/news-opinion/israel-middle-east/ahmadinejad-calls-holocaust-denial-major-achievement-of-his-presidency>

My comment:

To my knowledge, this is at least the sixth time that Ahmadinejad has had the courage to speak out against the myth of the Holocaust. Here he has done so in a more solemn and definitive tone than ever.

The last time, on February 2, 2012, opening a conference in Tehran, he awarded me the first "prize for courage, resistance and combativeness" before granting me a brief private interview. He also bestowed an award on Vincent Reynouard, represented by Marie Brunet. Also participating at that conference were Maria Poumier, Dieudonné M'Bala

M'Bala, Paul-Eric Blanrue (through a representative), Béatrice Pignède and, from Italy, professor Claudio Moffa. Some American guests, a few Neturei Karta rabbis and other personalities, all hostile to revisionism, attended as well. From the time of the first "Holocaust" conference (December 11-12, 2006) both sides have, in equitable manner, been allowed to speak freely.

For photos of the most recent conference or for its content please see, in the archive of my blog (at February 8 and 14, 2012),

<http://robertfaurisson.blogspot.it/2012/02/images-from-recent-conference-in-tehran.html>
<http://robertfaurisson.blogspot.it/2012/02/for-at-least-fifth-time-mahmoud.html>

PS: An Iranian Judaic leader has criticized Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for questioning "Holocaust" holy writ:

<http://www.haaretz.com/jewish-world/jewish-world-news/iran-jewish-leader-criticizes-ahmadinejad-for-lauding-holocaust-denial-1.535021>

July 11, 2013

<http://robertfaurisson.blogspot.it/2013/07/m-ahmadinejads-solemn-revisionist.html>

Israel to build synagogue at al-Aqsa Mosque

NBD/MP/PR, PressTV, Sunday Oct 20, 2013 4:9PM GMT

A recent report says the Israeli regime is planning to build a synagogue in the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in East al-Quds (Jerusalem) as part of its efforts to further Judaize the occupied Palestinian territories, **Press TV** reports. According to the report recently published by the al-Aqsa Foundation and based on the information leaked from the Israeli Knesset, the plan will divide the compound, taking one-fifth for the Jews in order for them to perform their religious rituals there. Senior officials from the Palestinian resistance movement, Hamas, have spoken out against the move, calling for a large-scale intervention from Arab states.

Leader of the Hamas Political Bureau Khaled Mashal stated that the measure is part of the Tel Aviv regime's strategy to demolish al-Aqsa Mosque and eradicate Islamic history of the site.

Speaking in a televised speech on Saturday, Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh condemned Israel's efforts to Judaize al-Quds and the al-Aqsa Mosque. He also censured Israel's expansionist policies and the regime's crimes against the Palestinian nation, saying the liberation of Palestine is a national duty.

Political analyst Ahmad Rafiq Award has told Press TV that the Israeli's move to build a synagogue at the al-Aqsa Mosque is unlikely to provoke any reactions from Arabs given the ongoing crises in their countries.

"The Israeli authorities have conducted these plans in a surreptitious way and in small steps in order to brainwash the Jews, and people from the Arab states. By taking one-fifth to begin with, they will start to falsify the history on the ground," he said.

"They will use these plans in an attempt to unify secular Jews, who are in dispute about demolishing al-Aqsa (Mosque). It is also very unlikely that Arab states will intervene while they are dealing with their revolutions and internal issues," the analyst pointed out.

Over the past decades, Israel has tried to change demographic makeup of al-Quds by constructing illegal settlements, destroying historical sites and expelling the local Palestinian population.

Palestinians are seeking to create an independent state on the territories of the West Bank, East al-Quds, and the Gaza Strip and are demanding Israel to withdraw from the occupied Palestinian territories.

Tel Aviv, however, has refused to return to the 1967 borders and is unwilling to discuss the issue of al-Quds.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/10/20/330392/israel-to-build-synagogue-in-alqsa/>

**...and when someone asks questions and refuses to bend to Jewish pressure, what happens then?
Shouts of - ANTISEMITE, NAZI, RACIST, HOLOCAUST DENIER, XENOPHOBIC....**

Israeli settlers storm al-Aqsa Mosque

PfressTV, Mon Oct 14, 2013 12:54PM GMT

Dozens of extremist Israeli settlers have stormed the al-Aqsa Mosque in East al-Quds (Jerusalem) under army protection and raised Israel flag inside the mosque, which is the third holiest site in Islam, reports say.

Local media reported that a group of settlers raised an Israeli flag while touring the mosque's compound on Monday. Reports also said that after the incident, Israeli police closed Magharbe Gate that leads to al-Aqsa Mosque compound for visitors. Police forces are also said to have removed the settlers from the area.

The latest incident comes after a similar event on September 18, when Israeli forces stormed the mosque compound, firing tear gas at Palestinian worshippers. Clashes reportedly broke out between the Israeli troops and the Palestinians after they

attempted to prevent the worshippers, including women and children, from entering the mosque. In another similar incident earlier in September, the Israeli military used stun grenades to disperse Palestinian protesters inside the al-Aqsa compound after Friday Prayers, arresting 15 of them.

The al-Aqsa compound, which lies in the Israeli-occupied Old City of al-Quds, is a flashpoint. The compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, is the holiest site in Judaism. It is Islam's third-holiest site after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

MR/SS <http://www.presstv.com/detail/329324.html>

UK's Manchester United apologizes for swastika-like logo, Nazi-style reference

By Alexander Smith, NBC News contributor

LONDON - English soccer team Manchester United apologized to fans after sending them a newsletter with a design resembling a swastika alongside the words "New Order," a slogan used by Hitler's Nazi party.

The club headed by Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer, said Sunday the design and choice of words in the email newsletter "United Uncovered" was "completely inappropriate" and that "internal action" was being taken.

"It has been pointed out that the graphic had design similarities to a swastika which, combined with other connotations of the phrase 'new order', has caused offence

which was entirely unintended," they said in a statement Sunday. "For this, United Uncovered unreservedly apologizes."

They added the "New Order" headline was a reference to the Manchester band of the same name who were popular in the 1980s and early 1990s. One of their hits, "Blue Monday" remains the best selling 12 inch single of all time.

The swastika has been used by many cultures, but is most well known as the symbol of Nazi Germany. The European New Order was the political model Adolf Hitler wanted to impose after World War II.

The design and headline caused outrage among some fans, with many questioning how it had not been spotted.

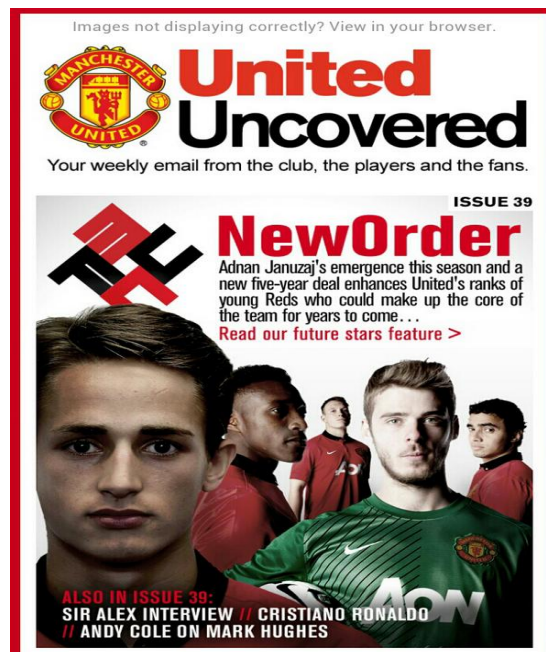
One Twitter user, David Roberts, [said](#): "As an advertising art director I've done 1000s of newsletters for major brands. How does that get through sign off?"

Another, Lynette Mapp, [added](#): "Manchester United 'swastika' apology - My support for Man Utd is over! Totally unacceptable #no excuses."

Manchester United Head of Media David Sternberg was quick to [respond on Twitter](#). He said: "The creative is completely inappropriate; we apologize unreservedly and are taking appropriate internal action."

The apology comes at a difficult time for Manchester United, which is one of the richest and most popular teams in the world. The team has been struggling to adapt under the management of David Moyes after the retirement of Sir Alex Ferguson at the end of last season.

The team known as the "Red Devils" currently lies in 8th place in the English Premier League, having lost three of their nine games this season.



<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/10/28/21209271-uks-manchester-united-apologizes-for-swastika-like-logo-nazi-style-reference?lite>

In what could set an international precedent, an Israeli civil rights organisation is suing an Australian academic for his support of a boycott movement against Israel, prompting plenty of debate

Reporter: Leigh Sales, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Broadcast: 30/10/2013

LEIGH SALES, PRESENTER: In what could set an international precedent, an Israeli civil rights organisation is suing an Australian academic for his support of a boycott movement against Israel. Professor Jake Lynch of Sydney University is the target of the action in Australia's Federal Court. The case alleges his support of the so-called Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions campaign against Israel is racist and discriminatory. The BDS campaign operates around the world and uses political and economic pressure on Israeli individuals, organisations and companies to protest against Israel's policies towards Palestine. Professor Lynch's supporters claim this legal action is part of a concerted Israeli effort to shut down any criticism of the state and its alleged human rights abuses and violations of international law.

To debate what's going on, I'm joined now from Tel Aviv by Andrew Hamilton, who's a solicitor with Shurat Hadin, the organisation mounting the legal action, and in Sydney by Professor Stuart Rees, a supporter of Jake Lynch and a fellow BDS activist.

Welcome to both of you. Mr Hamilton first: what does Shurat Hadin hope to achieve with this legal action?

ANDREW HAMILTON, SHURAT HADIN ISRAEL LAW CENTRE:

Shurat Hadin hopes to expose the fact that BDS is racist and discriminatory by attacking private individuals and organisations based on their racial background or ethnic national background of being Israeli and being Jewish. By attacking them, by depriving them of their human rights, their freedom of expression, that that is racist and unlawful.

LEIGH SALES: Professor Rees, your response?

STUART REES, CENTRE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES:

Well I received five pages of accusations along those lines, so did a student, so did Professor Lynch and each page read like a series of threats. Each page ...

LEIGH SALES: And just let's just cut to the chase: what's your response to what's just been alleged there?

STUART REES: Well it's a lot of nonsense. The notion even that Shurat Hadin is a civil liberties organisation is also a piece of nonsense.

LEIGH SALES: But what about dealing with what has been said there, that the BDS campaign is racist and discriminatory because it singles out Israel?

STUART REES: Well it's based on international law, it's based on the philosophy and practice of non-violence, it's based on a whole series of United Nations conventions and charters and that's the momentum that it receives around the world by hundreds of thousands of people. So it's nothing to do with the extinction, for example, of the State of Israel, it's nothing to do with the freedom of speech of Israelis.

LEIGH SALES: OK. Mr Hamilton, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry has distanced itself from your litigation, saying that it's inappropriate and counterproductive and that the most effective means of protest against the boycott movement is just a publicity campaign. What do you say to that?

ANDREW HAMILTON: What I say is that the Racial Discrimination Act and other laws were put in place to protect individuals and organisations from discrimination, from boycotts, from divestment, from sanctions based on their national ethnic origin. It's perfectly OK for the BDS movement to criticise Israel's policies and the suggestion that that is any suppression of that just requires reading Haaretz, the Israeli newspaper which criticises Israel's policies every single day. There's plenty of freedom of press in Israel, in fact probably as much as Australia. But targeting individuals because you

dislike the policies of the country where they're from is against the law, just like if you targeted Japanese restaurants for boycotts because you didn't like the Japanese whaling policy or you targeted Indian individuals for boycott because you didn't like the Indian car system. You can't take out your dislike of the policies of a country by taking it out on their nationals or people of that race. That is discriminatory. That crosses the line. That is not freedom of expression.

LEIGH SALES: Lets - sorry, we've got such a long delay to Tel Aviv, it's going to be quite hard to deal with that, but I'll do my best, sorry, to not cut you off. Professor Rees, I do want to ask you to respond to that though. What do you say that - you're perfectly able to criticise Israel's policies, but you just can't target individuals because you don't like what their country does?

STUART REES: Well, the issue is about the institutions that don't observe the universal human rights which we've signed up to and are committed to. And with regard to Mr Hamilton's assertions that it's against the law - that's all he's got, is a lot of confidence in his assertions. Numerous courts in America, in Scotland, in London, have told people like those who represent Shurat Hadin that they must not use litigation for political purposes and a lot of the judgments have been about the bullying of this foreign agency.

LEIGH SALES: But is it right for you and your supporters to bully, if you like, say, Israeli academics because you don't like the policies of the Israeli Government?

STUART REES: No, no, the issue - that's not the issue here. Let's get to exactly what happened. My colleague refused to give his signature on the request for approval of a scholarship. There are 3,000 other academics at Sydney University who could and have given those signatures.

LEIGH SALES: And on what grounds was that refused?

STUART REES: Well because we support international law, we support universal human rights.

LEIGH SALES: But simply because this person was Israeli?

STUART REES: No, no, because he was part of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Part of one of its campuses sits on occupied land, it has contracts with armaments industry, it has

a military college in which it trains officers who are part of the occupation and oppression of a people.

LEIGH SALES: Well let me give Mr Hamilton a right of reply on that. Is it not fair enough for Sydney University - a Sydney University academic to say that he - they don't want that academic there?

ANDREW HAMILTON: Excuse me. OK. The drawing of a line between a particular Israeli academic and the location of his university is a ridiculous extension. The person was boycotted - and Jake Lynch has admitted this - is boycotted because he was Israeli. This particular professor, Dan Avnon, has set up institutions where Arabs and Jews and Christians and Muslims all learn together. He is one of the most critical - he's a very critical person of the Israeli Government, yet he was boycotted purely because he was Israeli and Jewish. And saying that because his campus is located across some imaginary line is basically saying, "We're boycotting him because he's Israeli and Jewish," because you can find that link to every Israeli Jewish person, some obscure link.

The suggestion that courts in other countries have found in favour of BDS is also quite incorrect. In France and in Germany, courts have found against BDS. And when BDS crosses the line and attacks individuals because of their racial or national origin, that is when BDS will be held up to account. And let me point out that this action relies on the very same human rights provisions ...

LEIGH SALES: Gentlemen, gentlemen, I'm sorry - I'm sorry, Mr Hamilton. I'm sorry, and I just once again mention that delay which is making it so hard. We're unfortunately well out of time. We will continue to monitor this case though and hopefully speak to both of you again. Thank you very much for your time.

STUART REES: Thank you, Leigh.

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2013/s3880599.htm>

Academics to fight Federal Court action claiming support for BDS racist **EAN HIGGINS, [THE AUSTRALIAN](#), OCTOBER 30, 2013 12:59PM**



Associate professor Jake Lynch, director of the University of Sydney's Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies.
Picture: Jane Dempster Source: *The Australian*

SYDNEY University academics have vowed to fight a Federal Court action brought by an Israeli-based organisation which claims their support for the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions campaign against Israel is racist and discriminatory.

The Tel Aviv-based Shurat HaDin Israel Law Centre has launched the action against Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies director Jake Lynch.

Shurat HaDin alleges the support of Associate Professor Lynch for the BDS movement, which promotes the Palestinian cause and claims Israel is engaged in illegal and immoral actions against it, violates the Racial Discrimination Act.

The complaint was first brought before the Australian Human Rights Commission in August.

The complaint in the HRC focused on Professor Lynch's refusal to sponsor an Israeli academic from the Hebrew University because of that institution's links to the Israeli military and the ongoing occupation of the West Bank and blockade of Gaza.

As expected, the matter could not be successfully conciliated in the HRC, and Shurat HaDin has now filed its application for the matter to be heard in the Federal Court, where a first mention date has been set for November 27.

In a media statement this morning, supporters of Professor Lynch said the legal action amounted to an attack on "the right to criticise the policies of another country."

"This lawfare attack against academic freedom and freedom of speech has been condemned by over 2000 Australian and international human rights advocates from some 60 countries, who have all signed a pledge supporting BDS and offering to be co-defendants in any legal action taken against Lynch," the statement says.

"Shurat HaDin has taken many similar actions internationally against groups who supported the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions movement."

Professor Stuart Rees, who also supports BDS, said in the statement: "It seems that this firm, Shurat HaDin, works in the civil courts as a proxy for the Israeli government and security forces, seeking to shut down any criticism of the state and its ongoing human rights abuses and violations of international law."

Sydney University will not indemnify professors Lynch and Rees if the matter proceeds.

"The university does not provide legal support for staff in relation to complaints or proceedings against them in respect of their activities in a personal capacity," a spokeswoman earlier told The Australian.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/highereducation/academicstofightfederalcourtactionclaimingsupportforbdsracist/storye6frgcjx1226749669614>

First test of BDS funding hardline

EAN HIGGINS, [THE AUSTRALIAN](#), SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 12:00AM

THE Coalition faces an early test of its promise to cut federal funds to supporters of the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel, with a large grant sought by academic Jake Lynch due to be decided next month.

Associate Professor Lynch, who supports the pro-Palestinian international BDS campaign, has applied for a \$290,000 Australian Research Council grant, and federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne will have sign-off.

Professor Lynch says the proposed research is not connected to BDS, but to a comparative study of journalism.

However, according to an election promise by Julie Bishop as foreign affairs spokeswoman, a Coalition government will block any federal research funds going to academics who publicly promoted BDS.

Ms Bishop's policy has come under attack including from three Australian Jewish academics who are against BDS, but also oppose curbs on free speech.

Executive Council of Australian Jewry spokesman Vic Alhadeff said "it would be wrong to comment about funding research that might be genuine, even if carried out via a body that has shamelessly abused its academic prerogatives".

Professor Lynch is director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies attached to the University of Sydney and has come under fierce criticism from Jewish groups for his stand.

Professor Lynch, citing CPACS pro-BDS policy, rejected a request for assistance from an Israeli academic, Dan Avnon, who developed Israel's only civics curriculum for both Jewish and Arab school students.

Sections of the Sydney University Students Representative Council in April passed a resolution calling for administrators to cut links with Israel's Technion University, claiming it provided research used to make weapons deployed against Palestinians.

In May, as the issue hit the headlines and the Labor government displayed an ambivalence on the topic, Ms Bishop hardened the Coalition's stance, saying not only would funds be cut for BDS-related activities, but also for any research, educational or other purpose.

"The Coalition will institute a policy across government that ensures no grants of taxpayers' funds are provided to individuals or organisations which actively support the BDS campaign," Ms Bishop told *The Australian* at the time.

"It is inappropriate for Associate Professor Lynch to use his role as director of the taxpayer-funded CPACS . . . in support of the anti-Semitic BDS campaign."

Professor Lynch told *The Australian*: "I fully understand that I can expect no government funding to publicise the academic boycott of Israel and I have never received, nor spent any, in any case. But I would expect my applications for research grants, on unrelated topics, to be considered on the same basis as those from any other academic."

"I should not be penalised or damaged in my profession simply because my opinions on the Israel-Palestine conflict do not coincide with those of members of the government."

Professor Lynch said the \$290,000 grant over three years would "involve studying the work of journalists in South Africa, Nepal, Australia and the UK".

A spokesman for Mr Pyne said the ARC had not yet recommended any grants for the government to consider.

"When the recommendations are received, the Coalition will then be in a position to make further comment."

Ms Bishop, who is overseas, did not provide comment.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/nationalaffairs/policy/first-test-of-bds-funding-hardline/story-fn59nm2i-1226727213333#>

Journalism giving up on the search for truth

NICK CATER, [THE AUSTRALIAN](#), NOVEMBER 02, 2013 12:00AM



Prime Minister Tony Abbott is keeping the media pack on a long leash, but it's a laissez-faire approach rather than a bid to control.

Picture: Kym Smith Source: The Australian

THE information austerity drive is hurting. The political press pack, deprived of the government's attention, is crying out to be fed.

James Massola in The Australian Financial Review predicts the government eventually will be "mugged by reality", declaring "the news business has changed and, with it, so has the business of governing".

The ABC's Barrie Cassidy writes that Tony Abbott's approach "is working just fine now", but adds a warning: "The political class will eventually claim back their relevance."

Yet the grumbles about this exceptionally unforthcoming administration mask a problem closer to home. It is not the government that is in trouble but the news industry itself.

Journalism has succumbed to a culture of dependency and is losing that most basic of skills: the ability to nail the facts.

Criticism of the government's so-called media-management strategy misses the point; Abbott's approach is less a case of management and more of laissez faire.

The Rudd and Gillard administrations took a Keynesian approach, intervening heavily in the market and attempting to control the flow of news. It invested heavily in a state-owned media enterprise, the ABC, encouraging it to compete more aggressively with the private sector.

When all else failed, it tried to regulate the market through legislation to control the press.

Abbott, by contrast, is behaving like an ultra-dry economic conservative and is letting the news market rip.

The critical condition of modern journalism has been exposed.

The commercial pressures on the industry are well known. Newsrooms have been hollowed out. The disinvestment in journalism has accelerated as Fairfax has trashed its Sydney and Melbourne mastheads. In no other industry would executives respond to falling demand by making the product worse. Yet this is the story of the news business during the past two decades.

The degeneracy of modern journalism cannot be blamed entirely on falling revenue, however. The decline in standards has been at least as bad in public-sector journalism; indeed, some would say it is worse.

The guides to reporters issued by newspapers early last century illuminate the loss of discipline in a profession that once held facts to be sacred.

A recruit at The Detroit News would be told in writing that "the only mission of a reporter" was "supplying his editors with the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth".

Speculation was forbidden. "NEVER GUESS," the instructions read. "When you turn in your story KNOW that everything in that story is true."

Today, the news industry is content to outsource information-gathering to public relations professionals and advocacy groups, accepting the facts they provide on trust.

Last month, for example, the ABC's Peter Lloyd introduced an item on PM with the assertion: "An asylum-seeker being held in detention on Nauru is expecting twins."

His next sentence betrayed his gullibility: "Advocates say the Iranian woman is six months pregnant."

An advocate, in the view of the Macquarie Dictionary, is "one who defends, vindicates or espouses a cause". Evidence offered by advocates may or may not be correct, but there is a high risk that it may be tainted.

Yet the credibility of Felicity Ogilvie's subsequent story rested entirely on the testimony of Ali Mountfield, a representative of the Australian Multiple Birth Association and Ian Rintoul from the Refugee Action Commission.

Ogilvie claimed: "PM has been unable to verify it with the minister's office." Yet the minister's office had made a statement that Lloyd read on the program: "The government does not respond to unsubstantiated claims about persons claimed to be resident at offshore processing facilities."

At a press conference five days later, Immigration Minister Scott Morrison was asked again about the claim.

Morrison: This suggestion that there's a pregnant woman with twins on Nauru is simply not true.

Question: They're not there?

Morrison: It's actually not true.

Question: So there's no ...

Morrison: ... there is not a pregnant woman with twins on Nauru.

Question: We were told this by ...

Morrison: ... well, they are wrong.

In the ABC's story, the onus of proof that would apply in a court of law had been reversed: the government is guilty until it can prove otherwise.

Morrison continued, somewhat testily: "This is why I'm stressing to you, I strongly suggest that the media should more thoroughly interrogate the sorts of claims that are being represented to you. That is a classic example. This suggestion that there has been a pregnant woman with twins on Nauru is simply not true."

Press gallery veteran Laurie Oakes criticised the minister for his response in a column last weekend, saying: "Scott Morrison's arrogance can be little short of breathtaking."

Oakes claims journalists are in a "catch-22", unable to check the facts because the government has shut off the flow of information. Yet Ogilvie and Lloyd's report, which seemed to require neither of them to leave the office, is a parody of journalism. Information-gathering was outsourced to a partisan lobby group and fact-checking was outsourced to a partisan government. To cap it all, the press gallery squeals when the minister refuses to answer the question: When did you stop beating your wife?

The truth has become secondary to what American comedian Stephen Colbert calls "truthiness", the selection of facts one wishes to be true, rather than facts known to be true.

The apparent consensus at the ABC that offshore detention is cruel and inhuman, and that the activists are fighting a noble cause, leaves no room for scepticism.

Former ABC chairman Maurice Newman says the concept of truth has largely been abandoned. "What passes for journalism these days shows no respect for the facts," he says.

"It is particularly apparent in the reporting of issues like climate change, where the evidence simply doesn't matter any more."

Newman is highly critical of journalism schools: "Students who are not taught to be curious or approach a topic with an open mind will struggle to bring rigour to journalism."

Tim Wilson, of the Institute of Public Affairs, says it is a mistake to think advocates for environmental, public health and other causes are objective sources.

"When was the last time you heard a taxpayer-funded activist argue everything's fine, or there's a problem and the solution is for the government to get out of the way?" he says.

"Advocates for paternalism have a predisposition to government interference. It is only which taxes, regulations and laws they want to use, rather than an assessment about whether they should be used in the first place."

Journalists complain they lack the resources or expertise to check complex information when in fact there is a failure of basic common sense. The assertion that "smoking costs the community \$31 billion a year", for example, is regularly recycled by governments and lobby groups, and is frequently reported as fact by experienced journalists.

The figure is self-evidently ridiculous; if true, it would account for more than half the total federal government health budget. Eric Crampton, an economist at New Zealand's University of Canterbury, says only \$312m of that figure represents costs to the health system.

"The vast majority of the costs included are the intangible costs of premature mortality: costs smokers impose upon themselves," he says. "All up, the government is in pocket because of smokers' contributions."

He says journalists commonly assume that "good" groups campaigning for better health will not mislead them: "Journalists under time pressure don't seem to look very closely at the big scary numbers."

The casual outsourcing of news-gathering to activists was on display again this week, with the broadcasting of images provided by the group Animals Australia, purporting to show sheep being improperly slaughtered in the Middle East.

The ABC was prepared to take it on trust that the footage was shot in September in Jordanian streets, as the activists claim. Yet the provenance of any footage supplied in this manner should be treated with scepticism and, at the very least, should be screened with the caveat that it cannot be independently verified.

The naivety and lack of worldliness so often on display in news coverage is seeping into editorials that once provided a newspaper's intellectual grunt.

Witness the thought bubble in yesterday's Sydney Morning Herald demanding an "ethical test for spying" to ensure "the minimum possible impact on individuals and organisations".

In a democratic system that relies on the news industry to hold institutions to account, journalistic timidity at senior levels comes at a high cost. The pusillanimous coverage of Kevin Rudd's first term in government in much of the media meant his party's decision to replace him in 2010 caught many voters by surprise.

Editors and journalists who broke from the pack during the Rudd years paid a high price. From June 2008, when The Australian ran its now famous "Captain Chaos" story by John

Lyons, the newspaper came under intense pressure to pull back.

Government ministers openly attacked it, and corporate and commercial pressures were applied. The Australian's critical examination of Labor's policy failures, including the school building program and the National Broadband Network, heavily criticised by its competitors at the time, has been vindicated.

"If you start pulling your punches in the hope that the government will put you on the drip it's game over," says The Australian's editor-in-chief, Chris Mitchell. "It takes spine for a reporter to resist a government that is prepared to go to war with a newspaper that does not toe the line. The machinery of government is a powerful force. Yet the strong growth in subscriptions to The Australian over the term of the last government shows readers expect a newspaper to hold governments to account."

The Australian's motive, rather than the accuracy of its facts, was the principal avenue of attack for the Labor government and rival journalists as they sought to counter the extensive probe into the AWU slush fund matter and the involvement of former prime minister Julia Gillard.

The ABC's Media Watch seized on comments from the SMH's Peter Hartcher, who claimed The Australian was "dedicated to the destruction of the Labor government". The program alleged The Australian's reporters had been "aided by members of the Labor caucus".

In a reply to then presenter Jonathan Holmes, The Australian's Hedley Thomas demonstrated the absurdity of Hartcher's premise by pointing out that story had been pursued by investigative journalists at other news organisations, including Fairfax's Natalie O'Brien, who was "not a nut-job or a misogynist, or a feverish Gillard hater, or an employee of The Australian, or a tool of the Labor Party caucus".

"There appears to be an abundance of Canberra-based commentators who express opinions about the reporting by others on important issues," Thomas wrote. "These commentators do not appear to do investigations themselves. It is wrong and offensive to suggest that any of my reporting is motivated by The Australian's so-called dedication, as Mr Hartcher described it, to 'the destruction of the Labor government'."

By abandoning the pursuit of truth, modern journalism appears to have fallen for the philosophical error that blights modern academe, the training ground for almost every recruit to the profession. The empirical route to knowledge through investigation, observation and reason is rarely respected. Instead, journalists have come to believe knowledge comes through revelation, a reversion to the pre-Enlightenment when the truth was revealed by the Almighty and mediated through his priesthood.

Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, who uncovered the Watergate scandal, relied less on the benevolence of their famous "Deep Throat" than is commonly imagined. Deep Throat's only role was to confirm what they had already established. The anarchist circus of WikiLeaks is not journalism as Woodward and Bernstein would understand it. The story that helped bring down president Richard Nixon was not magically "revealed", as many assume. It took more than a year of forensic investigation to get to the truth.

Today's journalists are content to let competing "truths" collide in he-said, she-said journalism that is as tedious as it is uninformative. It is pick-a-box journalism offering multiple "truths", none of which is given any more weight than any other. When Tony Abbott announced before the 2010 election that he would expand the education tax rebate at a cost of

\$760m, for example, the response from Labor's Simon Crean surprised no one: "Tony Abbott has created the first black hole for the Liberal Party in this campaign, and our conservative estimate is that the cost will be at least double."

At that point most journalists left the story in the mistaken belief that by reporting claim and counterclaim their duties had been fully discharged. Yet The Australian, unfashionably, persisted in the pursuit of facts. Would Abbott's policy cost \$760m or more than \$1.5bn? They could not both be right, but they could both be wrong, which turned out to be case.

The Coalition had assumed only half the eligible students would apply for the grant. Labor, on the other hand, had assumed it would be 80 per cent. The Coalition's mistake was understandable. Eight days earlier, Gillard said 2.7 million students were eligible for the education tax refund, but only 1.4 million took it up. Her press release later gave different figures: 2.1 million and 1.7 million.

No one who has worked in a commercial newsroom in the past five years could underestimate the pressures of the business as it attempts to meet the challenges of fast-changing technology and shifting demand with fewer staff and resources.

The cuts have been brutal, yet this is, by nature, a labour-intensive business if it is to be properly executed. Undoubtedly, this is part of the explanation for the weakened state of the news business, but journalists are deluding themselves if they believe this is the full story. "This is a very interesting moment for journalism," says Peter Fray, editor-in-chief of PolitiFact Australia and a former Fairfax editor. "It is a test not just of the business model, but of journalistic mettle. It offers the chance to restate what journalism is for and how it should be practised. We keep talking about the watchdog role of government - now let's get out and do it."

This week another example of the news industry's inability to hold institutions to account came to light when The Australian broke the story of plans to remove the words "Known unto God" from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Australian War Memorial director Brendan Nelson had announced the change on September 18 at a lunch at the National Press Club to which every major news gatherer, including this one, had sent at least one reporter.

Yet none of the journalists present questioned Nelson about the plans afterwards and none of them reported the story. Michael Brissenden, ABC: "Why is it that the War Memorial continues to refuse to acknowledge the fierce battles between Australians and Australian Aborigines and pastoral settlers - the Frontier Wars?"

Mark Kenny, SMH: "I guess what I'm asking you is to reflect on whether we get the quality we expect out of our elected representatives, given that they're, you know, earning \$200,000 a year base salary?"

Kimberley Granger, the Canberra Weekly magazine: "How do you see the parking issue playing out for the Australian War Memorial?"

Granger, a local journalist, at least knew her audience. The rest of the pack had no excuse.

Nick Cater will address the Centre for Independent Studies in Sydney on Thursday on the contribution of the Enlightenment to Australian settlement. Bookings at www.cis.org.au/events or by calling (02) 9438 4377.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/columnists/journalism-giving-up-on-the-search-for-truth/story-fnhulhjj-1226751583458#>

Christopher Pyne denies limit on university places

John Ross, *The Australian*, September 26, 2013 12:00AM



New Education Minister Christopher Pyne in his office at Parliament House in Canberra. Picture: Kym Smith. Source: TheAustralian

EDUCATION Minister Christopher Pyne has hosed down claims that he wants to limit university places, after revealing plans to review the uncapped university system established last year by Labor.

University and student groups have accused the government of breaking a multitude of pre-election promises not to cap university places, and to consult the sector before initiating change. However Mr Pyne told the Australian he was simply applying the due process demanded by his new role.

"Any responsible incoming government would conduct a review of existing policies to ensure they are working," he said.

Mr Pyne said he had no plans to formally review the system, but would consult the sector and take expert advice from the department.

Interim opposition leader Chris Bowen said the government wanted to cut funding that had improved access to university. "This is a clear breach of commitment from the Liberal Party," he said.

Greens higher education spokeswoman Lee Rhiannon said Mr Pyne was "injecting uncertainty into the higher education sector as a smokescreen for his intention to legislate cuts to universities and student welfare".

National Tertiary Education Union president Jeannie Rea said the revelation had confirmed its predictions that an Abbott-led government "would take an axe to university funding and scrap targets to lift participation of disadvantaged students".

But Universities Australia said it was legitimate for a new government to review its predecessor's programs. "It's very healthy to review policies and make sure they're doing what you want them to do," said CEO Belinda Robinson.

However, Ms Robinson said it was too early to say whether the uncapped system had affected the quality of university education. And she said any plan to scrap the compulsory student services fee would damage the international education industry that Mr Pyne had claimed he wanted to restore.

"If we're serious about enhancing our international competitiveness, we'll need to make sure we provide the

comfort international students and their families are looking for," she said.

Mr Pyne would not confirm plans to discard the fee. He said the Coalition had a "longstanding opposition to compulsory student unionism" but it was not a priority for the government. The National Union of Students said the services fee had nothing to do with compulsory student unionism. "To talk of removing (it) is to propose removing campus life and culture," said national president Jade Tyrrell.

The Howard government banned compulsory student union fees in 2005, in a move universities regarded as intolerable meddling in their internal affairs. Mr Pyne this week told *The Australian* he had no intention of meddling in universities' decision making processes.

"The Labor way of telling people how to run their institutions is not the Liberal way," he said.

Sources said Mr Pyne could find it difficult to legislate against the fee even if he wanted to. The current Senate would almost certainly block any such legislation. The next Senate, due to take over in July, is expected to be more conservative leaning but also more unpredictable.

For example, the Palmer United Party, which will have at least one senator, wants to completely abolish higher education fees.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/pyne-denies-limit-on-uni-places/story-e6frgcjx-1226727191361>

[...this talk rests on another false premise because Germans are still blamed for an event that is legally protected from open investigation... – ed. AI.]

Will We Ever Be Forgiven for the Holocaust?

Why Jews Continue To Be Blamed for What Happened to Them



Preaching to the Unforgiven: Man Booker Prize-winning author Howard Jacobson recently delivered this speech at the B’Nai Brith World Center in Jerusalem - GETTY IMAGES

The question is rhetorical. When will Jews be forgiven the Holocaust? Never.

The shocking psychological truth is that man rejects the burden of guilt by turning the tables on those we have wronged and portraying ourselves as the victims of their suffering. The Roman historian Tacitus spells it out. "It is part of human life," he wrote, "to hate the man you have hurt." Those we harm, we blame — mobilizing dislike and even hatred in order to justify, after the event, the harm we did. From which it must follow that those who are harmed the most, as in the case of the Shoah — are blamed the most.

Holocaust denial, in any of its forms, obeys this pattern. For foisting the lie of the 6 million upon the world, Jews are accused of compounding the wickedness that was the just cause of the Holocaust — had it only happened — in the first place. By virtue of the way Jews cynically exploit the Holocaust to serve their political and financial purposes today, are they shown to be deserving of what they suffered yesterday or, rather, since there was no Holocaust, what they ought to have suffered yesterday.

Must the terrible logic that ensures — that an irreparable wrong will never be forgiven — induce in us an equally terrible vigilance: Instead of Never Forget, must our motto be Never Mention? Is silence the only precaution we can take against its happening again?

The creation of the State of Israel was meant to settle that question for us. In many ways it does, and in many ways it still doesn't. For some Jews, it is precisely Israel we need to stay silent about. Such a refusal of sympathy for the victims

of the Holocaust, grounded in this modern rehashing of the libel of the grasping, heartless Jew, is retrospective blame in action.

The question "When will Jews be forgiven the Holocaust," and its implied answer, "never," have political implications right enough, but there's an important nonpolitical lesson to be drawn from them. If it's not for anything they have done, but for what's been done to them, that Jews cannot be forgiven, then it's in vain for Jews to strive to alter the way the world sees them. In vain that they try to improve their public relations image, adopt a sweeter demeanor, or hang their heads in embarrassment.

It is vain to suppose we can thereby undo the twisted logic of being unforgiven for the Holocaust, unforgiven for who we are perceived to be, unforgiven for what has been visited on us — a perpetuity of being unforgiven, which, whatever its political effect, has a psychological cause, and so would not vanish tomorrow if Israel gave to its neighbors every blade of contested grass, and every wealthy Jew turned himself overnight into a pauper. For don't forget that being a *light unto nations* itself incurs the charge of spiritual arrogance.

In a sophisticated twist, akin to that of holding Jews responsible for what's been done to them, the anti-Zionist refutes Jewish sensitivity to insult, even in the absence of its expression, and in the process paints himself the victim of a crime that has not been committed. Not wanting to be thought or to feel anti-Semitic, he *becomes* anti-Semitic to the degree that he cannot forgive Jews for troubling his conscience and making him wonder if anti-Semitism is what he is.

If we are to talk of tactics, then routinely accusing your critics of employing illegitimate tactics is a common, illegitimate tactic in itself. This particular one — that, as every criticism of anti-Zionism is motivated by bad faith, there can be no *fair* criticism of anti-Zionism — is widespread. The syllogism goes like this:

Not all critics of Israel are anti-Semites.

I am a critic of Israel.

Therefore I am not an anti-Semite.

In this way has anti-Zionism become an inviolable space. Question it and you are deemed to have cried anti-Semitism (this, whether you have or you haven't), and since to cry anti-Semitism is a foul, no position from which it is rational to question anti-Zionism remains allowable. By the infernal logic of this magic circle, the anti-Zionist is doubly

indemnified, firstly against any criticism of his position whatsoever, since the status of such criticism has been reduced to that of "tactic," and secondly against the original accusation of anti-Semitism, which anti-Zionism cancels out.

I don't myself argue that anti-Zionism is a method for circumventing Jew-hating while indulging it, but were that to have been the intention, it could not have been better planned.

Criticism of Israel functions as a sort of antiseptic bath, or mikveh — no matter how mired in the impurities of anti-Semitism you might be when you go in, you come out as fragrant as a bride awaiting her groom.

Holocaust denial was a prototype exercise in this. Once the Holocaust could be shown not to have happened — a crime that never was — then no one could be accused of not forgiving Jews for it. At a stroke, the victim became the perpetrator, and Jews could go on being accused, as before, of the added crime of fabrication.

And to see the Jews as prime initiators of both Christianity and Socialism — those explosions in human thought, call them unparalleled liberations or unparalleled catastrophes — is to accept how much, in the way of causing mankind to lose sleep, we are responsible for. Not being forgiven goes back a long way. So could we say it begins — not with our killing Christ, that's altogether too straightforward — but with our conceiving him? Freud speculated that it was those countries in Europe which were the last to forgo what he called "barbarous polytheism" — the tree-worshippers of Lithuania, for example — that most eagerly embraced the Jew-hating of the 1930s and '40s. They were, Freud suggests, nostalgic for their paganism. "Their hatred of Jews," he wrote, "was at bottom a hatred of Christians."

The consequence of this for Jews is that we end up being the meat in the sandwich, responsible for the paganism *and* responsible for the Christianity, depending which way the wind is blowing, forcing us to ask: Are not some instances of Christian anti-Semitism simply expressions of Christian dissatisfaction with Christianity itself?

Once upon a time such hostility could be expressed openly. Let's see the Jews in all their misery, Augustine said, so we can rejoice in what's become of them. More liberal times evolved more devious strategies of calumny. Few western intellectuals or churchmen today can afford to trumpet their anti-Semitism, or even admit to themselves that their consciences harbor such emotions. But the logical necessity for the alibi remains. So now, the Jew is mistrusted, not for what he is, but for the anti-Semitism of which he is the cause. And no Jew is more the cause of anti-Semitism than the Jew who speaks of anti-Semitism.

Jews are considered to have forgone their right to own even a part-share in defining anti-Semitism, or to judge the extent to which they are, or indeed ever were, its victims. By virtue of their failure to learn the lessons of the Holocaust and implement them in Israel — or indeed in any other parts of the world they continue to scheme, lobby and exploit — they have cancelled out all entitlement to the usual decencies, let alone the usual legalities, in matters of racial discrimination and incitement.

Thus has the shame of thinking anti-Semitic thoughts been lifted from the shoulders of liberals. Since there can be no such thing as anti-Semitism — Jews having stepped outside the circle of offense in which minorities can be considered to have been offended against — there is no charge of anti-Semitism to answer. The door is now wide open for those who truly believe they have nothing in their hearts but love to stroll guilelessly through to hate.

Howard Jacobson, Man Booker Prize winner and author of such novels as *"Kalooki Nights"* and *"The Finkler Question"*, delivered this year's Jerusalem Address at the B'Nai Brith World Center in Jerusalem, from which this essay has been adapted.

<http://forward.com/articles/185720/will-we-ever-be-forgiven-for-the-holocaust/>

Anti-Semitism in Australia?

By ARSEN OSTROVSKY, 29 October 2013 22:12

News of an incident has now reverberated around the world, with many commentators quick to say it is no longer safe to be a Jew in Australia or that Down Under is quickly turning into the next Europe.



Brawl in Sydney, Australia. Photo: Screenshot Sky News

Last Friday, a Jewish family of five was walking home after Shabbat services and dinner in Bondi, in the heart of the famous beachside suburb in Sydney, Australia, when they were viciously assaulted by a gang of youths in one of the most horrific anti-Semitic attacks in Australia in memory.

Although police investigations are ongoing, three of the attackers have already been arrested, with police confirming they were part of a group of eight mainly Pacific Islander youths, who had no connection to Islam. The victims, which included a couple in their 60s, have now all been released from hospital, although each sustained serious injuries, including bleeding of the brain and a fractured skull.

News of the incident has now reverberated around the world, with many commentators quick to say it is no longer safe to be a Jew in Australia or that Down Under is quickly turning into the next Europe.

So, allow me please to dispel some of these theories.

As horrific and unquestionably anti-Semitic as this was, it was an isolated and spontaneous act committed by a group of thugs with criminal histories.

The attack in Bondi was not the beginning of a pogrom and Australia is not in danger of turning into Europe, where a recent survey showed that a quarter of European Jews are afraid to openly identify as Jewish for fear of anti-Semitism. Australia always has been, and will remain, an incredibly open,

diverse, peaceful and tolerant society, and importantly, one of the safest places in the world to be Jewish.

Why do I say that? For one, before recently making aliya from Sydney, I grew up and lived in Bondi and know exactly where this incident occurred. I was also for many years involved with the Jewish community, both in a volunteering and professional capacity, so I know the community intimately.

At the same time, in my current capacity as the director of research at The Israeli- Jewish Congress, one of our key missions is combatting anti-Semitism in Europe, in which we work together in close partnership with the Jewish communities of Europe, the Knesset and Government of Israel, and European Parliamentarians.

Bondi has one of the largest concentrations of Jews in Australia, replete with synagogues, kosher bakeries, cafes and butchers and a number of Jewish communal centers. You are just as likely to see a beachgoer with their surfboard as you are a Chabad Lubavitcher in the area. In over 20 years, I never once experienced or witnessed an act of anti-Semitism, albeit that does not mean none occurred.

There are also other important factors differentiating this from Europe.

What is perhaps most important to note is the reaction following the incident, which has received immediate and unequivocal wall-to-wall political condemnation, including from the highest echelons of federal and state government, social and community leaders, the media and from different faith groups, including from the Muslim community.

The police have already caught three of the attackers and expect to apprehend the remaining few shortly.

It is also important acknowledge the brave individuals, including the security guards from a nearby bar, who ran to help the victims, and a taxi driver who stopped to apprehend one of the attackers. As Peter Wertheim, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the umbrella organization for the Australian Jewish community, noted, "the brave and selfless actions of these bystanders is a much more accurate reflection of the attitude of Australians to their Jewish fellow citizens, than the hate-filled violence of the group who allegedly attacked the family."

New South Wales, the state in which Bondi is located, also has exceptionally stringent laws against racism and racial hatred, with the authorities not hesitating to invoke them in circumstances where there has been a breach of the law.

At the same time, there is a strong emphasis on cross-cultural education and awareness, both in the schools and public service institutions, and Australia's policy of multiculturalism has been an overwhelming success in welcoming and integrating members of different ethnic groups into broader society.

Australia also has neither the rise of far-right neo-Nazis or Muslim extremism that is rampant in many parts of Europe. In fact, whereas the Muslim community in Australia outnumbers the Jewish community of approximately 120,000

by about five to one, the two communities enjoy very warm and cordial relations.

Though famous for its open, laid back and tolerant lifestyle, Australia is not perfect and a degree of racism, and anti-Semitism, does exist.

The Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS) Movement continues to demonize Israel and Jews, students on some campuses will incur verbal anti-Semitic attacks (most frequently from the far Left) and sporadic graffiti and vandalism attacks still occur (albeit well down on previous years).

The rise in social media is also offering a new large-scale platform for today's bigots.

Notwithstanding, according to Jeremy Jones, the international affairs director at Australia/ Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, who has been maintaining records of anti-Semitic attacks in Australia for over 25 years, there has never been an attack of this nature before, with "a family group like this attacked by another group."

Jones adds there is no indication or "trend" to suggest an overall rise in anti-Semitism in Australia, certainly not in violent attacks.

Overall, Australia has one of the lowest levels of anti-Semitism in the world, albeit it can of course always be lower and we must remain vigilant.

As the Australian Ambassador to Israel, Dave Sharma, noted following the incident, "such prejudice has no place in Australian society or values.

We condemn anti-Semitism wholeheartedly and can assure you that the vast majority of Australians are adamantly opposed to such views."

One of the reasons there has been such a spike in anti-Semitism across Europe is because the political and social leadership failed to act when the warning signs first appeared. Today, they are playing catch up, and some may say, are even too late.

While anti-Semitism will always exist no matter where, the Australian response of zero tolerance, education and unequivocal political and social condemnation ought to be an example to all those fighting this oldest and most enduring forms of hatred.

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<http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/OpEdContributors/Anti-Semitism-in-Australia-330110>

OPINION

Dangerous anti-Semitism has no place in Australia

October 30, 2013 12:00AM

UNTIL now, many Australians who value the contribution of Jewish immigrants and their descendants in building our nation believed the vile spectre of anti-Semitism belonged to previous times and other places. That's why the unprovoked beating of five Jews walking home from Shabbat dinner in Bondi in Sydney's east early on Saturday and a deplorable

incident at the University of NSW hours earlier are a sharp reality check.

Student campaigners Stuart MacLaine and Dom Foffani have apologised for dancing around a political opponent, an office-holder in the Australasian Union of Jewish Students, singing Springtime for Hitler and making Nazi salutes. The culprits

were not hardened extremists but Young Labor activists from the Left, which suggests anti-Semitism has crept into small-liberal student culture.

Such a trend must be stopped. It is not altogether surprising given the attitude of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at Sydney University. Last year, the centre shunned a Hebrew University of Jerusalem academic who developed a civics course to unite Jewish and Arab students. Centre director Jake Lynch backed the oppressive boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign. The existence of Israel is accepted in international law and by the UN but some Australian humanities academics think otherwise.

In supporting the Palestinian cause, the Left must not allow anti-Semitism to become an article of faith among young people and risk reigniting **hatreds that festered across Europe for centuries before six million Jews perished in the Holocaust.** [sic- ed. AI]

Few Australian university students know enough history to understand why the Jews were falsely accused of various economic conspiracies and of spreading the black death in the 14th century. Nor would they be aware of the thousands massacred under the Russian and Ukrainian pogroms of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. [No mention of Bolshevik Jews murdering 66 million Russians, then criminalising the word "anti-Semite" with an indefensible death sentence. It took Russia two generations, around the 1960s to wake up to the Jewish nature of Communism – ed. A.I.]

If young activists are to have an opinion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, they should understand the legitimacy of both sides' claims to a secure homeland. They should also realise Israel's Palestinian opponents have become more jihadist and that the influence of Fatah, the Palestinian faction prepared to negotiate a two-state solution, has been usurped since the death of Yasser Arafat in 2004. The menace of Shia-dominated Iran is a major stumbling block, with Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei reiterating his nation's attitude last year when he said any deal that accepted the Jewish state's existence would leave a "cancerous tumour" threatening security.

Australia, a longstanding Israeli ally, supports a just, two-state Middle East settlement that can be built only on co-operation and pragmatism. Our reputation would suffer through any escalation of the violence at Bondi or other offensive, racist university stunts. As Man Booker Prize-winner Howard Jacobson wrote yesterday, Jews have "stepped outside the circle of offence in which minorities can be considered to have been offended against" and the door is wide open for those who "love to stroll guilelessly through to hate".

We share the sadness of the Jerusalem Post in noting "even Australia's Jews" are not immune to rising antagonism.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/editorials/dangerous-anti-semitism-has-no-place-in-australia/story-e6frq71x-1226749261900#sthash.qvU3eggz.dpuf>

Anti-Semitism comes as no surprise to Jews

TALKING POINT, [THE AUSTRALIAN](#), OCTOBER 31, 2013 12:00AM

WHILE I applaud your editorial, let me say that anti-Semitism is always dangerous wherever it occurs - and try getting that out of Sydney University's Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies ("Dangerous anti-Semitism has no place in Australia", 30/10). Universities and churches have fostered hatred of the Jews for aeons - no surprise there.

Nowadays, there are ideological links between the Labor Party and anti-Semitism. Labor maintains that it is perfectly in order to criticise Israel without being anti-Semitic.

That's wrong. There is no other tool than anti-Semitism for criticising Israel and the Jewish people: Howard Jacobson's article illustrates the point strongly and accurately ("Still unforgiven for wrongs suffered", 29/10).

Paul Fidlou, Armidale, NSW

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AS a Jew, I found Howard Jacobson's erudite analysis of anti-Semitism compelling reading. I wondered whether it might bring enlightenment to anti-Semitism deniers such as Jake Lynch from the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and Greens senator Lee Rhiannon.

These leaders have attracted to their cause a platoon of supporters happily preferring uggboots to jackboots. This does not diminish the distress it has on Jewish people living in Australia. We have bullshit detectors built into our DNA and we can spot an anti-Semite a mile away.

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THE recent anti-Semitic attack in Sydney is shocking, but comes as no surprise to the Australian Jewish community. For several decades, there has been a rising tide of anti-Israel sentiment that is expressing itself as anti-Semitism, the origins of which can probably be traced back to the period following the Six-Day War of 1967.

Failing in their latest military attempt to eradicate Israel from the Middle Eastern landscape, the Arab world changed tactics and launched a program of delegitimisation of Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, portraying the creation of Israel as a colonial exercise by the West at the expense of the indigenous population. The facts demonstrate otherwise.

The result is an under-informed public that sees Israel as a pariah state that deserves everything it gets, a concept that easily translates into hostility to Jews in general. This is lazy scholarship but it has gained traction nonetheless, and it leads to the sort of attacks last week in Sydney and at the University of NSW. There is no place for it in Australia.

Alan Freedman, St Kilda, Vic

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IN all states, violent acts, including those motivated by anti-Semitism constitute a crime, but only in Western Australia are those who incite the racist violence subject to criminal prosecution.

When incitement occurs, the fabric of racial harmony and our normal civic relations are undermined. Society as a whole suffers, not just the victimised group.

Just as we prosecute those who organise the peddling of illicit drugs, our politicians should criminalise the incitement of racist violence.

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HOWARD Jacobson mentions paganism and Christianity for involvement in anti-Semitism but fails to mention Martin Luther. He also fails to mention the role of the mufti of Jerusalem's support for Nazi actions during World War II or that anti-Semitism can be found in the Koran.

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YOUR editorial touches on fears in the Jewish community. As a Jewish student activist I would like to say that Dom Foffani and Stuart MacLaine are independents, not Labor activists. Their offensive actions, forgiven by Jake Campbell after sincere apologies, stemmed from ignorance rather than prejudice. Associating them with anti-Semitism is misleading.

Sam Bason, Avalon, NSW

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/letters/anti-semitism-comes-as-no-surprise-to-jews/story-fn558imw-1226749977212#sthash.MFgrM65d.dpuf>

No Place or Time Is Immune From Antisemitism

"Maybe in Germany in the 1930s and Russia in the 1970s but certainly in Sydney, Australia, Bondi you just don't expect an unprovoked attack."

By: Batya Medad, October 27th, 2013

At least here in Israel, the big news after Shabbat was the terrible antisemitic attack on a Jewish family in Australia. The family, middle-aged parents and adult children were viciously attacked; they needed urgent medical care. In all honesty, I was disturbed by their reactions:

"It is extremely shocking that an attack like this could happen in Australia, let alone in Bondi being such a multicultural area." Faktor said the families of the victims are "very upset" and cannot understand why people would want to hurt them. "You certainly don't come to Bondi and expect that," he said. "Maybe in Germany in the 1930s and Russia in the 1970s but certainly in Sydney, Australia, Bondi you just don't expect an unprovoked attack."

I find it dangerously naive. We shouldn't rationalize attacks like that one as needing provocation. There is no Jewish source in the cause/source of antisemitism. If you could rationalize such attacks as being caused by "provocations," then we Jews could be considered to blame. I can't accept that. We Jews are not to blame for the fact that antisemites of all ilks, whether Christian, Muslim or any other religion have no moral justification for their antisemitism. For some of them it's an ideology and for some it's theology. And there are also those who just like to pick on people who seem weaker and easy to attack, which can make the source psychology. They can be found all over the world. Some antisemites are subtle and sophisticated, taking their hatred out in more refined and "sneaky" ways. Others like the Australians on Friday night were honestly brutal in their physical attack on the Jewish family. I also don't like the term used in the Sky News YouTube caption, "violent brawl." A "brawl" connotes something mutual by people who may even be acquainted or a fight after a disagreement.

brawlbrɔ:l/ nounnoun: brawl; plural noun: brawls1. a rough or noisy fight or quarrel. "he'd got into a drunken brawl in a bar"

From the reports, this was nothing of the sort. The attackers chose their victims for a reason; the victims appeared Jewish. I think it's very dangerous for Jews to think they are immune or their locations aren't risky. God willing when the true Moshiah takes over and rules we'll be able to destroy and banish antisemitism. In the meantime we must be prepared for it in all guises.

<http://www.jewishpress.com/blogs/shilohmusings/no-placeortimeisimmunefromantisemitism/2013/10/27/>



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fG6pierQYYk>

Anti-Semitism knows no borders



Boaz Bismuth

This past August, while on a lecture tour in Australia, I was asked to deliver a sermon about the Torah portion Ki Tavo (Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8) at a small, tranquil synagogue in the Sydney suburb where I was staying, Bondi Beach. I walked to the synagogue with my kippah-wearing host, Michael Mizrahi, along with his wife and enchanting small children. It was a pleasant stroll in lovely weather.

Bondi Beach is a unique place. Its beach is the most popular and glittering of cosmopolitan Sydney's many waterfronts. The hordes of young people who come to Australia to work over the summers dream of being able to live in the neighborhood, which is not cheap. Jews, mostly from Hungary, settled there after World War II, and amid the kosher butcher shops, synagogues, delicatessens and boutique specializing in Israeli wines one also finds many night clubs, bars and coffee shops catering to the surfers and blonde women who populate Sydney's beaches. How natural that the Chabad-Lubavitch movement chose to locate a center there as well. In my many travels over the last 30 years, rarely have I seen a place where salted fish and surfers coexist so happily.

Having spent many years abroad as an Israeli journalist and diplomat, I often encountered anti-Semitic incidents and covered them. It's hard to expect a Jew approaching the sixth decade of his life to remain innocent. But there was something

innocent and fascinating, almost otherworldly, in that family Shabbat morning stroll, wearing kippot, as if we were in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem.

"There is no danger?" I asked Michael as we passed a crowded cafe.

"Look around you," my host said. "This is a place where Jews and non-Jews have lived together for years. A kippah is part of the scenery."

Except that reality has a habit of intruding. Despite the great distance, Australia is aware of what is happening in the rest of the world. Perhaps this is why, at the entrance to a larger synagogue near the one I visited, a security guard was stationed. A Jew must always fear the worst, so much more so if he arrived here from Hungary, Germany or Poland. To tell you the truth, after the pleasant morning walk, the guard struck me as nothing more than a decoration.

And perhaps because of those pleasant memories, I was stunned by what happened over the weekend in that same tranquil and enchanting place, Bondi Beach, stronghold of Sydney Jews. A group of worshippers returning from the evening prayer service was attacked by a gang of Australian youth, some no more than 18 years old, right in front of one of the popular hotels. This didn't happen in some alley but on a major street, in a country where people fear getting into trouble with the police, who are reputed to be tough. Some of the people from the synagogue ended up in the hospital with serious injuries. As if we were living in Europe in the 1930s.

When Shabbat was over I spoke with friends who live nearby. One of them told me the authorities had labeled the crime an

act of anti-Semitism but he thought it was hooliganism by drunk youths, of whom there is no shortage in that neighborhood at night. Except that most of my friends, including those in Melbourne and Perth, on Australia's western coast, were shocked by the incident.

I was curious as to the attackers' identities. Were they Muslims who lived in several Sydney neighborhoods I had visited, importing the Middle East conflict Down Under, as they have done in Europe? Not at all. They were local youth, I was told. And this may be the most dangerous thing. While we fear that Muslim communities around the world will import the conflict to their new countries, the radical Right thrives and renews its anti-Semitic doctrines.

My lectures in Australia were meant to persuade the community to come to Israel's aid. Once again it was proven, for the who-knows-what time, that helping Israel is helping Jews as a whole.

How ironic that just Sunday night, the first Jewish students house was dedicated in Berlin? In part, the students' house will be dedicated to pro-Israel activity to counter the anti-Israeli current in the city, as I was told by those promoting the project. How fortunate that there is an even more thriving project known as the state of Israel. If the wonderful and warm Australian Jewish community invited me next year to speak on precisely the same Torah portion, I would merely quote the first verse, Deuteronomy 26:1: "Ki tavo el haaretz" ("When you come to the land.")

http://www.israelhavom.com/site/newsletter_opinion.php?id=6125

Dangerous words precede dangerous deeds

Bondi shows us that now is not the time to water down anti-discrimination laws

Nick Dyrenfurth, October 31, 2013

The line "some of my best friends are . . ." acquired new meaning this week. The exculpatory canard was used by the mother of a Sydney teenager co-accused of the brutal, unprovoked assault of a Jewish family of five, including a husband and wife aged 66 and 62, making their way home from a Sabbath evening meal in Bondi.

Her son wasn't a racist, the understandably protective mother pleaded, because she herself works in a Jewish nursing home. That her son, along with seven others, allegedly called the group "dirty Jews" before the bashing (the victims suffered broken bones and bleeding on the brain) was just words seemingly disconnected from the anti-Semitic violence.

The Australian Jewish community has been shaken by this event. Some perspective is, however, required. On the one hand, Australian Jews are too often subject to verbal abuse in public and through mediums such as email and social media. Anti-Jewish expression, often dressed up as fashionable "anti-Zionist" propaganda, is on the march. Jewish schools, synagogues and other communal institutions require extensive security.

On the other hand, racially motivated physical violence against Jews remains relatively rare. Outside Israel, the Jewish experience in Australia is comparable only with that of North America in terms of freedom of worship and physical safety. But Bondi reminds us that the scourge of anti-Semitism and other forms of racism remain serious challenges. This is underlined by the fact that the alleged Bondi perpetrators were not clad in Nazi-style uniforms. Nor, according to reports,

did they hail from an ethno-religious group historically antagonistic towards Jews.

Without wishing to enter into the dead-end debate as to whether Australia is an inherently racist society or not, recent surveys are instructive. According to the University of Western Sydney's Challenging Racism Project, about 20 per cent of Australians have experienced some form of racial abuse. In 2012-13, the Human Rights Commission received a marked increase in racial vilification complaints.

The sixth *Mapping Social Cohesion* report compiled by the Scanlon Foundation in conjunction with Monash University makes for interesting reading: 84% of respondents said that multiculturalism was good for Australia. Yet reported discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic origin or religion had increased to the highest levels since the surveys began.

Explanations for these findings vary. Some point to the tone of our political debate and media coverage around unauthorised boat arrivals – only last week Immigration Minister Scott Morrison instructed detention centre staff to call asylum seekers "illegal" arrivals.

The Scanlon Report's author, Professor Andrew Markus, is sceptical of the link between social attitudes to multiculturalism and the experience of discrimination, which he sees as reflecting the actions of a small minority.

Regardless of this debate, two points are clear. First, the fight against racism requires eternal vigilance. Second, there is a clear correlation between rhetorical and physical racist violence which is made clear by the events at Bondi. Recall, too, the shocking events of the 2006 anti-Arab/Muslim

Cronulla riots, in particular the role played by shock-jock Alan Jones.

It is strange then that the Abbott government has previously signalled its intention to repeal or amend laws against racial hatred and vilification, specifically to dilute section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act. This provision makes unlawful an action that is "reasonably likely, in all the circumstances, to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person or group of people" on the basis of their race, colour, national or ethnic origin.

These laws are some two decades old. They have provided legal redress for people who have experienced racial vilification but lack the financial or political power to fight back. The act, alongside educational programs, has likely deterred much racist abuse.

In part, the Abbott government seems to be motivated by the case of *Herald-Sun* columnist Andrew Bolt. In 2011 Bolt was subject to a Federal Court ruling involving section 18C. A series of articles he wrote on Aboriginal identity was found to have contravened the act, the court striking down Bolt's claim that the articles were written in good faith, that they were in the public interest, and that under the provisions of section 18D they were fair comment.

Public policy regarding racism cannot be determined by blind attachment to libertarian ideological dogma – anathema to most Australians in any case – or tribal loyalties to a fellow-

travelling scribe. The idea that section 18C, in Prime Minister Tony Abbott's words, only protects the "hurt feelings" of an accuser is obscene in its simplicity.

As the Executive Council of Australian Jewry's Peter Wertheim argues, the Bondi incident highlights that now is precisely not the time to water down Australia's laws against incitement to racial hatred. To my mind, doing so risks sending a very dangerous message. Might we be cultivating a 21st century Pauline Hanson?

None of this is to suggest that racism can be combated with government initiatives or legislation alone. Somewhere out there will lurk the eternal anti-Semite convinced that Jews deserve far worse than the violence meted out at Bondi.

Ironically, Bondi should be our inspiration. Reports suggest that staff from a nearby hotel along with a passing taxi driver risked their physical safety to help the family under attack. There has been an outpouring of public support for the victims and Jewish community at large. Actions speak as loudly as words.

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<http://www.theage.com.au/comment/dangerous-words-precede-dangerous-deeds-20131031-2wk0s.html#ixzz2jNJqWG1N>

Qantas warned about Dubai

October 3, 2012 by J-Wire Staff

A New South Wales solicitor has written to Qantas expressing concern for the human rights of travelers passing through Dubai, the airline's new hub due to come into service next year as a result of the flying kangaroo's alliance with the Emirates airline. This follows the arrest in Dubai of a respected doctor. Solicitor Andrew Hamilton has written the following letter to both Qantas CEO Alan Joyce and the airline's general counsel Andrew Finch.

"I act for a human rights organisation concerned with the abuse of the human rights of citizens of democratic countries by non-democratic countries and related organisations.

I refer to Qantas Airways Limited's ASX announcement dated 6 September 2012 of a new global partnership with Emirates and the proposed change of Qantas' hub for European flights from Singapore to Dubai, UAE in April 2013.



Andrew Hamilton

I also refer to recent media reports of the arrest and summary imprisonment of Professor Cyril Karabus, a 78 year old internationally respected doctor specialising in paediatrics and

medical oncology who headed the oncology and haematology unit at the South African Red Cross Children's Hospital.

Ten years ago, while working on a short term contract at the Sheikh Khalifa Medical Centre in Abu Dhabi in the UAE, Professor Karabus treated a three-year-old cancer patient who later died of leukaemia. Professor Karabus later returned to his home in South Africa and continued his medical practice there. At some point after Professor Karabus's departure from the UAE, without any notice to Professor Karabus, the UAE authorities decided to charge, try and convict Professor Karabus of manslaughter in absentia without his knowledge and without any opportunity for him to present his case. On 18 August 2012 it arrested him while he was in transit in Dubai airport flying from Canada to South Africa returning from his son's wedding.

See: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/crime-courts/global-outrage-at-arrest-of-prof-in-abu-dhabi-1.1389043#.UGq9sbTB-Dp>

This case illustrates an important risk to Qantas passenger safety which appears to have been overlooked in Qantas's decision to hub through Dubai rather than Singapore.

The UAE is a country that does not maintain the basic standards of Rule of Law that citizens of western countries like Australia take for granted.

Many activities which are both legal and common practice in Australia are serious crimes in the UAE. In particular in the UAE, it is illegal:

- a) for a man and a woman to have consensual sex outside marriage;
- b) to purchase or consume of alcohol without a personal liquor licence (which are not obtainable by tourists)
- c) for two men to have consensual sex in any circumstances.

This risk is not merely theoretical. I refer to the following

additional cases:

1) An Australian woman was gaoled for adultery in the UAE after reporting her rape to the UAE police.

See: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific13680409>

2) A British man & woman were arrested for having allegedly having sex in a taxi.

See: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article2145142/Rebecca-Blake-arrested-Dubai-having-sex-Conor-McRedmond-backseat-taxi.html>

3) Two Australian businessmen gaoled on trumped up fraud charges in Dubai. http://www.detainedindubai.org/Detained_In_Dubai/Suoland.html

I note that Senator Helen Kroger has recently also issued similar warning regarding Qantas's proposed hub change to Dubai.

See: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/australiaandthepacific/australia/9554817/Australians-warned-of-false-arrest-in-Dubai-over-Qantas-tie-up.html>

Moreover the Prof. Karabus case and the ordeal of the Australian man, Sun McKay, referred to in the above article highlight that this risk extends to transit passengers.

Under Australian law, Qantas has a duty of care to provide a safe environment for its passengers, including while they are in transit to their ultimate destination. This extends to risks to personal safety, life and liberty from legal systems which do not conform to western standards and where passengers may innocently and ignorantly commit serious crimes by behaviour which is legal and commonplace in Australia.

Equally, Qantas has an obligation to not engage in misleading and deceptive conduct by silence as to the risks of transiting via the UAE. Unlike the situation where a passenger actively chooses to go to a country where western standards of rule of law are not followed, Australian citizens traveling on the Australian national airline to a European destination have a reasonable expectation that they will be subject to western standards of rule of law their entire trip.

Furthermore, any general marketing and branding of the UAE as a modern, sophisticated, western style destination will itself be misleading and deceptive if it fails to draw attention to the very un-western system of laws and a justice system that does not respect basic human rights.

I am hereby putting Qantas on formal notice regarding these issues.

Qantas must not proceed with its announced plans to hub through Dubai without either:

- a)** eliminating the risk of its passengers transiting through Dubai being arrested or harassed by UAE authorities; or
- b)** providing prominent, ongoing and explicit warnings to prospective passengers of those risks.

A failure to heed this warning may lead to legal action by actual or potential Qantas customers.

I will also be writing to relevant regulatory authorities highlighting these issues.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Hamilton Solicitor, NSW

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<http://www.iwire.com.au/news/qantaswarnedaboutdubai/28634>



Qantas meets with AIJAC

November 23, 2012

Qantas Managing Director & CEO Mr Alan Joyce has met with AIJAC National Chairman Mr Mark Leibler AC and Dr Colin Rubenstein AM Executive Director AIJAC in Melbourne. The Qantas chief requested the meeting.

Mr Leibler said that the purpose of the meeting was to secure further clarification from Qantas regarding security concerns implicit in its proposed plans to form a partnership with Emirates Airlines and the consequent use of Dubai

International Airport as its transit hub through to European destinations.

Mr Leibler welcomed the reassurances given by Joyce on behalf of Qantas to the Australian Jewish community and Israeli passport holders regarding transit through UAE during the meeting.

He said AIJAC was liaising with the Australian Government about this major concern toward encouraging the United Arab

Emirates Government to make a clear public statement setting out its position.

Dr Rubenstein also welcomed the attention and consideration that Qantas is devoting to our community's concerns and together with Mr Leibler expressed confidence that further progress could be made to enhance safety and security

considerations for all passengers, including Australian as well as Israeli passport holders, transiting through Dubai.

<http://www.iwire.com.au/news/qantas-meets-with-aijac/30074>

When Fredrick Töben was arrested at Heathrow on 1 October 2008, on his way to Dubai, he was advised that the European Arrest Warrant operates in the UAE, and the requested extradition to Germany that is attached to this arrest warrant on Toben would have succeeded, which it did not in the UK.

From the Archive

– 2004 Crimes against humanity



The Catch-22 Trial: "truth is no defence"

If you defend yourself, you compound your guilt; if you remain silent, you forego your defence.

1. As late as October 2003 Dr Fredrick Töben had a letter from the German authorities wherein it is stated that there is nothing about him on file in Germany, and that he is free to travel within Germany. On 13 April Töben learned at Helsinki Airport that German authorities had on 9 January 2004 imposed a ban on his traveling to Germany and to any EU country. So, unbeknown to Töben, since 9 January 2004 he has been banned from entering any European Union country because Germany has declared him an undesirable person - on account of the 9 November 1999 Mannheim judgment. Had he been detained by any EU country, for example on 12 April 2004 at Amsterdam, then that would have led to Töben's deportation, a reason for other countries to hop on the bandwagon and impose a ban on Töben. The New Zealand authorities did this to historian David Irving on account of his framed expulsion from Canada. That so-called democratic countries are criminalizing Revisionists in secret trials is graphically depicted in Ernst Zündel's almost two year solitary imprisonment in a Toronto detention centre.

2. On 12 December 2000 a Karlsruhe appeal court granted an appeal and ordered that the November 1999 court case be re-heard at Mannheim. Some time during April-May Judge Adam ordered Michael Rosenthal to act as Töben's defence counsel because M. Rosenthal had been involved in the appeal. Rosenthal refused because he stated in writing that were he to defend Töben, then he, Rosenthal, would also make himself liable because court proceedings in Germany are not privileged, and that at the first stage of the trial where matters of facts are canvassed, it is not possible to mount an effective defence because that would also criminalize the defence counsel. Rosenthal stated to Judge S. Adam that he would adopt the strategy used by defence counsel Ludwig Bock during the November 1999 trial and offer no defence. Bock at that time in another case had been charged with defending Günter Deckert "too vigorously", thereby bringing Bock's mindset too close to Revisionist thinking ? and that is a criminal matter.

3. The fact that Bock did not offer a defence gave rise to the appeal court granting Töben a re-hearing; and the prosecutor was granted the appeal so that he could argue that German law applies to Internet sites anywhere in the world. The Appeal Court had found that the Mannheim Regional Court had erred in not applying German law to the Internet. This ruling has massive world-wide implications on Internet traffic, and the issue will be aired again during 8, 9 and 11 November 2004.

4. Töben asked Judge Adam to appoint well-known defence counsel Horst Mahler as Töben's counsel because Mahler is defending himself against the same allegations in a Berlin court - to date quite successfully. Soon after Töben's request had been submitted, a court in Berlin stripped Mahler of his legal practice certificate thereby prohibiting him from acting as a defence counsel for another person. Judge Adam thus rejected Töben's request to have Mahler as his defence counsel of choice.

Dr. Fred Töben campaigns for truth and justice, without fear



Dr Fredrick Töben's Matter before presiding Judge S. Adam, Regional Court, Mannheim. Set down for a hearing on 8, 9 and 11 November 2004.

5. On 27 May 2004, Judge Adam issued the Summons and activated the office of the German Public Prosecutor that activated the Australian office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, which in turn had the Australian Federal Police (AFP) serve the Summons on Töben.

6. When the AFP officer handed Töben the Summons, he asked Töben: "Will you be attending this court hearing?" Töben responded in writing without specifically answering the question.

7. It must be stated that if Töben answers "Yes", then he will be breaking the law that since 9 January 2004 prohibits Töben from traveling to Germany. If Töben answers "No", then he foregoes a defence, a defence that will be conducted not by Töben's counsel of choice. Add to that the fact that an effective defence merely compounds Töben's guilt, the need to have someone like fearless Horst Mahler as defence counsel is obvious.

8. **What happened to Töben in the Federal Court of Australia case is instructive here. A judge granted the Jewish Zionist's application for a "summary judgment" on account of Töben not finding a defence counsel to assist in mounting an effective defence. On 19 May 2003, however, Töben had a defence counsel who ran the appeal "unsuccessfully" on similar grounds to that mentioned by Michael Rosenthal, i.e. it is not possible to mount an effective defence at the first stage of the legal process where matters of fact are canvassed because truth is no defence. At the appeal stage it is a matter of law - a safe haven for counsels.**

The breaking of civilisation

The German prosecution machinery is responsible for approximately 10.000 thought-crime persecutions and hundreds of imprisonments a year. Masses of people are incarcerated for nothing else but expressing politically incorrect opinions. One of the BRD's most prominent victim was the innocent Günter Deckert who had been incarcerated for five years. Deckert's crime was that he abbreviated the word holocaust with "holo" and that he smiled when uttering the word "holo" - the price of a smile in democratic Germany. On the 9th of April 1999 the German persecution system had the Australian historian Dr. Toben arrested by the infamous thought-crime prosecutor Hans Heiko Klein in his Mannheim office. Dr. Toben's crime was that he intended to discuss controversial scientific-historical questions on the holocaust. He wanted to know from Mr. Klein how to secure holocaust research, without being persecuted if findings did not match with the politically and judicially approved Holocaust narrative. Whilst asking, Dr. Toben was hand-cuffed. The late Jewish leader in Germany, Heinz Galinski, imposed his will years ago, prohibiting the discussion of the holocaust if the old holocaust dogma was likely to be undermined: **"We will not allow an unlimited discussion on history."** - *Papers for German and International Politics - Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik*, Bonn, January 1987, Page 20-24. Galinski's will seems to be Germany's command - still today!

<http://globalfire.tv/nj/04en/persecution/toben.htm>

U.S. policies detrimental to Middle East stability: Australian expert

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<http://www.mehrnews.ir/en/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsID=143676>

TEHRAN, Dec. 29 (MNA) -- Dr. Fredrick Toben of the Adelaide Institute in Australia believes that it is not important who occupies the post of U.S. president because **the Zionists currently have a firm grasp on the United States**. Toben also says the global capitalist system needs war to continue its own existence as a predatory capitalist entity.

Dr. Fredrick Toben



The Mehr News Agency recently conducted an interview with Toben on U.S. policy on non-proliferation and unilateralism and its opposition to Iran's civilian nuclear program. Following are excerpts of the interview:

Q: Basically, do you think the U.S. administration is honest in its approach toward the prevention of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction?

A: No, the USA is not honest in its approach because the current U.S. government is influenced by world Zionist considerations to retain the survival of the European colonial, apartheid, Zionist, racist entity of Israel, and so anything will be done to save the survival of that state.

There is also another factor, that of U.S. duplicity with the various Middle East political entities since World War Two. **Most of the Arabic-speaking world is financially controlled by the U.S. through various agreements and treaties, hence one cannot only point to the USA as a villain but one must also address the issue of which country in the Middle East is working and cooperating with U.S. policies.**

One also needs to be reminded that **the U.S. controlled/influenced the Iraq policy towards Iran**. Any further considerations would be a detailed focus on U.S.-Iran policies before the 1979 Revolution -- and what role the U.S. had in bringing it about. **From such U.S. policies would flow some clarity as to what is going on today where the U.S.**

intentions are openly controlled by Israel-Zionist interests. As with Iraq, the U.S. has the receipts that brought about many of the activities in the Middle East.

Q: Experience has shown that international cooperation is the logical approach for resolving matters of global concern, so why does the U.S. act unilaterally on such matters?

A: The world is too small for anyone to go unilateral about such matters. However, **it is not good policy to have a selective morality on such matters as clearly the U.S. has shown in its disregard of Israel's flouting international**

cooperation. But then again, Israel's right to exist is questioned and thus one cannot demand that it partake of anything that would further lead to its dismantling -- that's suicide.

Q: Peaceful nuclear corporation between Iran and Russia has drawn opposition from some countries, especially the U.S. How do you think Iran should respond to the U.S. propaganda campaign?

A: I think that the Iranian attitude is clear, and **the whole Middle East awaits Iran's strong stance against the U.S. and its policies that are detrimental to Middle East stability. Iran must continue to resolve such things also within its own society, without external pressures from the U.S. that are made under the guise of the war on terrorism.** One also needs to recall how the Shah's regime attempted to get nuclear energy equipment from Germany, something the U.S. did not approve of at that time.

Q: Israel is a nuclear threat to the Middle Eastern region, does not respect international law, and faces no opposition from the U.S., while it applies pressure on other countries which try to gain access to nuclear technology meant for peaceful purposes. Do you think this double-standard policy is a major factor in the Middle East conflict?

A: Of course **the double standard is a major factor that continues to produce instability in the region. But we must recall that the U.S. cannot work alone in this region, and it seems to find collaborators quite easily. We have already seen how Israel is busy in Iraq gaining control of vital points.**

This fact will also operate in Iran -- and that is why **Revisionists are astounded that no Arabic-speaking regime, except recently Egypt, has openly pushed for adopting a 'Holocaust' expose. It is this information that will help to dismantle the Zionist entity because the state of Israel is founded on the 'Holocaust' lie. Revisionists have all the information to hand that would eliminate the rationale on which Israel is based.**

MS/HG- End/MNA - <http://globalfire.tv/nj/05en/politics/usrael.htm>

All Germans Can Wholeheartedly Approve of This English Victory Over This Germany

Translated from the German section of the National Journal ([NJ staff article in German](#)) by ziip@usa.net, 22 November 2008

The genocidal bombing campaigns against the civilian population of Germany during World War II, conducted by the greatest war criminal of all time, Winston Churchill, will forever be a black mark against noble Albion.

However, the victory of England in the Toben-Battle over the BRD – Bundesrepublik Deutschland = Federal Republic of Germany – in the War for Human Rights will eternally resound to its glory.

The National Journal has already posted several articles on the arrest of Dr. Frederick Töben, the renowned, independent researcher of "Holocaust," at London's Heathrow Airport on 1 October 2008. The arrest took place at the behest of "democratic" Germany.

"Democratic" Germany wanted to incarcerate this impeccable scientist in its political gulag, as it has done with countless other modern day Giordano Brunos in recent years.

Engendered in the toxic slime of Allied war-lies and atrocity propaganda, the BRD has obligated itself to brutally enforce the monstrous Allied propaganda forever, long after the unconditional surrender of the Wehrmacht, in violation of the most elemental human rights. This slavish mission of BRD is in fact its raison d'être.

Andreas Grossmann, the head prosecutor of Mannheim District Court, functions as a kind of **Beria*** for the BRD "Thought Police".

Immediately after Dr. Töben's arrest, Grossmann boasted before the international press that England would be forced to bow to BRD's demand for extradition and deliver the innocent scientist to his clutches:

"Andreas Grossmann, the Mannheim district prosecutor handling Dr Toben's case, said that despite his attempts to avoid extradition from Britain to Germany, he expected Dr Toben to be on trial early next year. Mr Grossmann also warned that Dr Toben faced up to five years in jail and, although most prisoners in Germany served a third to a half of their sentences, the stubborn refusal of long-term Holocaust revisionists to recant their views meant they usually failed to win parole. 'These people have little chance of getting out before the end of their full sentence', Mr Grossman told The Weekend Australian." (theaustralian.news.com.au, 11.10.2008)

However, England dashed the political ambitions of the world's would-be tyrant Grossmann with a very effective legal strategy.

First, District Court Judge Daphne Wickham ruled on 29 October 2008 that the Court would not comply with the BRD extradition request because of its vagueness and its lack of a legal basis. This had a high-explosive bomb effect under the very foundations of the BRD's fortress of lies.

Still, "democratic" Germany did not give up easily.

It instructed its English attorney, Ms Melanie Cumberland, to appeal Judge Wickham's decision. After that, the legal path to the highest court would have led through the English House of Lords.

Following Judge Wickham's ruling, it was extremely unlikely that the House of Lords in England would accede to the notorious BRD in its flagrant violation of human rights. Thus, Germany was made to understand through Dr. Töben's solicitor, Kevin Lowry-Mullins, that a decision by the House of Lords could cause lasting damage to the BRD's political system.

According to "Times Online", issue of 20 November 2008, Mr Lowry-Mullins made the following statement to the press:

"I said, 'We will go all the way to the House of Lords with this and let the House of Lords decide'. But when the draft extradition act passed through the House of Lords in 2002, one of the questions was what would happen if someone was arrested on a European arrest warrant to be extradited to a country where Holocaust denial is an offence. The response was, 'No, that will never happen'."

England's refusal to extradite was a great blow to Germany's persecution machinery. It entailed the direct threat of being

exposed for its flagrant crimes against humanity if the case was to go all the way to the House of Lords.

If the House of Lords had been forced to decide on the extradition request, BRD would have been officially exposed as a systematic violator of the human rights guaranteed under the United Nations' Charter. Thus, Germany was forced to withdraw its thought police from the front lines. Berlin instructed the humiliated "Beria of Opinion" to give up his extradition request.

Times Online of 20 November 2008 went on to report:

"The German Government has backed down from its fight to extradite the Holocaust denier Fredrick Toben from Britain, it emerged today. ... German prosecutors were forced to appeal to the High Court after Britain refused to hand him over. Dr Toben's solicitor, Kevin Lowry-Mullins, confirmed today that the appeal had been withdrawn and that he had signed a consent order with the German Government to end the case."

The rebuff inflicted by Great Britain on the land of persecution in its efforts to suppress empirical truth, clearly hinders its attempt to extend the suppression of human rights throughout the European Union.

Against the background of the collapse of the global finance system and the death throes of EU, for which the BRD is sure to be blamed, Great Britain does not want to be associated with BRD's overzealous hunt for holocaust critics. This scenario was certainly part of England's calculations in its decision to immediately release Dr. Töben and force Berlin to abandon its attempts for Dr Töben's extradition.

An additional consideration was that elsewhere in Europe, the public is aware that sooner or later, Germany's peculiar tenet of history is going to be abolished by Russia. What country still wants, in spite of this, to unnecessarily expose itself as a violator of human rights on account of Germany's despotic policies and laws? Spain's abrogation of the "Holocaust Questioning Law" also took place against this background.

Even the strategically positioned Jews have begun to abandon the land of persecution and its official "Holocaust" cult. Since the legend will no longer be useful after the inevitable disintegration of Israel, they intend to put the blame for the crass violations of human rights on their BRD vassals. We look forward to that with great anticipation.

Those who consider this development unlikely should study the following passages from London's *Jewish Chronicle* dated 30 October 2008. The *Jewish Chronicle* is one of the world's leading Jewish news weeklies, supported by the most highly placed Jewish powerbrokers. The following passages were taken from an article that appeared just a few weeks before the BRD's defeat by Great Britain. Perhaps it was this very article that signalled Germany to lay down her arms in the battle over Dr Frederick Töben.

The headlines in the *Jewish Chronicle* article, that clearly demanded that Töben must not be handed over to Germany, read **"Denial is not a criminal matter"** and **"Legislating against deniers of the Holocaust is part of a dangerous trend."**

In the course of this article, the prominent Jewish columnist Geoffrey Alderman presents the reasoning that we can expect in the future:

"The British police arrested Dr. Töben because the German government had alleged that he had published materials trivializing the 'Holocaust.' 'A spokesperson for the [Jewish] Community Security Trust was quoted as having praised the action of the British authorities in executing the EU warrant and as having expressed the hope 'that the German law will take its course'. I hope that nothing of the kind befalls Mr Toben. I hope that the extradition warrant is quashed, so that Mr Toben is once again free to roam the world denying the Holocaust to his heart's content. I also hope that not only will this kind of incident never happen again in this country, but that the British government will demand that German (and Austrian) laws criminalising Holocaust-denial are repealed at the earliest possible moment. But my worries about the Toben case go much deeper. My worries have to do with the alarming tendency of nation-states to criminalise the past "

Alderman then makes it increasingly clear who should be blamed at the termination of the disastrous crimes against humanity, called "Holocaust denial", by pointing his finger to the lying political henchmen who organised the most sinister persecution machinery in the history of mankind:

"This wretched proposal now under consideration by the European Union, to compel EU member states to enforce particular interpretations of history under the guise of 'combating racism and xenophobia'. This proposal emanates (surprise, surprise!) from the German government ..."

On one hand, it is true that the Jewish power centers have exaggerated and overplayed their hand, as they have done so often in their history. On the other hand, they allowed themselves to be drawn deeper and further into the swamp of government-protected lies by their BRD flunkies, who were desperately trying to conceal their own crimes against the German nation by using Adolf Hitler as punch bag.

One consequence of this has been the flood of multiculturalism or "diversity" that is destroying Jewish supremacy in Europe.

With the end of Israel in view, the Jewish power centers are asking: will the Jewish Holocaust against the Palestinians be avenged in the multicultural Europe of the future? If the holocaust laws now demanded by Germany for the entire EU were enacted, would the Jews in future be inviting prosecution by merely attempting to defend themselves against charges of genocide in Palestine? This would then constitute the crime of **"denying the Palestinian Holocaust"**.

At any rate, columnist Alderman of the *Jewish Chronicle* is gravely concerned about this possibility:

"Ask yourself how such a mad law might be enforced, and with what result. ... Suppose I declare that the killing of Palestinians at Deir Yassin in 1948 did not actually amount to a war crime. If the EU proposal were



The impeccable independent scientist and researcher, Dr. Frederick Töben, escaped the clutches of "Thought-Crime-Beria" - thanks to noble British judges.

implemented, would I face imprisonment, just because I had exercised my professional judgment in a way that upset Arab propagandists? Let's assume that I stated publicly that the massacre of Palestinians in Deir Yassin in 1948 was not really a war atrocity. If the EU proposal relating to criminalized interpretations of history were enacted, would I expect to be imprisoned in case the Arabs felt injured by my opinions?"

Certain twits in the higher echelons of Holocaust-Germany still do not realise that the epoch in which they could forcefully suppress reason, knowledge and free research is coming to an end. Power relationships are wavering and are certain to change drastically in the near future. Judaism is going to shrug off its old "Holocaust" interests like a lingering sickness. The day of reckoning will come with the representatives of evil -- that is, the responsible parties in Holocaust-Germany. At any rate, the *Jewish Chronicle* has defined how history will again be written in future:

"The task of the historian is to investigate, confront, challenge and, if necessary, correct society's collective memory. In this process, the state ought to have no role whatever, none at all. Certainly not in the UK, which delights in presenting itself as a bastion of academic freedom. Above all not in Great Britain, which has always prided itself in being a bastion of scientific freedom."

Thus, there is renewed hope for those of us who are informed and therefore persecuted: hope that responsible persons in BRD, the land of lies, whether politicians, judges, prosecutors or media hacks, will some day be unable to evade just punishment for their crimes against humanity.

***Lavrentiy Pavlovich Beria was the Jewish chief of the Soviet security and secret police apparatus under Stalin. He was top deputy of the NKVD during the Great Purge, responsible for many of the millions of imprisonments and killings. http://globalfire.tv/ni/08en/persecution/cheering_evils_defeat.htm**

Noble British judges stop Germany from carrying out another crime against humanity

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Total victory in Töben case

On the afternoon of 19th November 2008, while the British Parliament debased itself in an act of homage to the President of a bandit state, a small group of campaigners won a major victory for freedom of debate with the release of a jailed historian.

Australian academic Dr. Fredrick Töben had been held in London's Wandsworth Prison since his arrest at Heathrow Airport on 1st October 2008. Though not accused of any offence against English law, he was detained under a European Arrest Warrant issued by the German authorities, who sought to put him on trial in Mannheim District Court for the "crime" of publishing historical source critical opinions on the internet.

Such opinions are criminalised by the notorious "Section 130" of the German Criminal Code, and Dr. Töben was facing a five year prison sentence. A few weeks ago the Mannheim prosecutor Andreas Grossmann boasted to the press that he expected Dr. Töben to be in a German prison by early next year. Grossmann also indicated his inquisitorial pride in the fact that those incarcerated for their opinions in Germany **"have little chance of getting out before the end of their full sentence,"** because of their refusal to recant.

Happily Mr. Grossmann's hubris met Nemesis in the Miss Marple form of **District Judge Daphne Wickham at the City of London Magistrates Court** in Horseferry Road, who **ruled that the German warrant was invalid.**

Judge Wickham upheld the argument of Dr. Töben's defence barrister Ben Watson that the German authorities had not given sufficient detail in their warrant as to the exact nature of Dr. Töben's "crime" – a deficiency which proved impossible to rectify, perhaps because of **the vagueness of the very concept of 'Holocaust' in the German law, which itself does not specify what may or may not be "denied" and does not even mention the supposedly "obvious" method of industrial mass murder by gassing.** The authorities had referred merely to "worldwide internet publication" of historical arguments forbidden under Section 130, without specifying exactly which web page or email was concerned, or when it was published, or exactly where it was published. The warrant failed even to specify the manner in which Dr. Töben had infringed Section 130, which refers vaguely to arguments which



Dr. Töben and Lady Renouf at a champagne reception on the evening of his release

approve, deny or minimise the extent of what are asserted to be the "manifestly obvious" historical facts about National Socialist Germany. **Clearly the prosecutors had presumed that Dr. Töben would defend himself, and that his amateur legal resources would be insufficient against the might and expertise of the combined British and German governments,** British Crown prosecutors, acting on behalf of their German counterparts, appealed to London's High Court in an effort to reinstate the warrant and resume the extradition

process – but on 19th November this appeal was dramatically abandoned with an executive order made for his immediate release in a comprehensive victory for Dr. Töben's extradition experts.

Having begun the day in a Wandsworth prison cell, Dr. Töben spent the evening at a champagne reception in St. James's as a guest of Michèle, Lady Renouf, who had coordinated his defence campaign and recruited the specialist legal team of Kevin Lowry-Mullins of Dass Solicitors and barrister Ben Watson of 3 Raymond Buildings.

Lady Renouf believes that with Dr. Töben now fully vindicated, **the Germany's oppressive laws are now in the dock. The court of international opinion now charges 21st century Germany with crimes against traditional European standards of justice and free scientific enquiry.** These standards were inherited from Classical Greece, which valued the inseparable four virtues of wisdom (with scientific attitude), temperance, courage and justice.

Joining the German state in the dock is the U.K.'s Attorney General Baroness Scotland, who supervises the Crown Prosecution Service which unjustly imprisoned Dr. Töben for fifty days on a warrant which failed even to meet the minimum standards required to allow an extradition hearing to proceed.

Baroness Scotland herself (in an earlier role as Home Office Minister) was responsible for piloting the Extradition Act through the House of Lords. She specifically **assured Parliament in 2003 that revisionist historians such as Dr. Töben would not be subject to extradition under European Arrest Warrants for publishing their views on the internet.** Yet five years later she allowed her senior officials to proceed with exactly the type of extradition which she had promised Parliament could never take place. **If she has any sense of personal honour or political responsibility, Baroness Scotland will submit her resignation forthwith.**

Meanwhile Dr. Töben will proceed with his historical work, secure in the knowledge that despite the perfidy of British politicians, **the London courts have rescued their country's honour and preserved the proud heritage of Magna Carta.**

Let this victory for traditional freedom lead to **the rolling back of tyranny from those European countries which jail opinions** and increasingly jail lawyers for defending them. Dr. Töben's defeat of the seemingly invincible should lead to a renewed offensive against oppressive European laws, winning long overdue freedom for Ernst Zündel, Germar Rudolf, Sylvia Stolz, Gerd Honsik and Wolfgang Fröhlich – and the removal of legal threats to Vincent Reynouard, Jürgen Graf, Robert Faurisson and many fearless scientists and other scholars who insist there should be no exceptions to the normal revisionist method.

They stand in defence of "debate and rational argument", in defiance of the anti-educational edict of the Stockholm International Forum 2000, which attempts to prescribe "guidelines for teaching about the Holocaust". These guidelines are about to be enshrined in the U.K.'s education policy, backed by a multimillion-pound propaganda industry promoting a one-sided approach to what should be a democratically debateable, multifaceted subject.

The sudden halt to the extradition process against Dr. Töben has already prompted diverse commentators, including the Jewish Chronicle and Jerusalem Post, to call for revisionism to be combated in the classroom rather than the courtroom.

Dr. Töben and his fellow scholars, freed from the Damoclean shadow of **21st century German "justice"**, stand ready to take open debate of historical truth onto this new front.

Dr. Töben's European spokesman Lady Renouf wishes to thank all those wellwishers who have helped to keep up Dr. Töben's spirits during his incarceration and who indicated their willingness to contribute towards his £100,000 bail security, happily no longer required.

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<http://globalfire.tv/nj/08en/persecution/drtoben.htm>

Germany was made understood that, if the House of Lords would be forced to finally decide on her extradition demand, she would be officially pilloried as a country violating human rights. That was hinted by Dr Töben's solicitor, Kevin Lowry-Mullins, when he said that he believed that the German Government had been shaken by comments he had made outside court after the discharge hearing. **"I said, 'We will go all the way to the House of Lords with this and let the House of Lords decide'. But when the draft extradition act passed through the House of Lords in 2002, one of the questions was what would happen if someone was arrested on a European arrest warrant to be extradited to a country where Holocaust denial is an offence. The response was, 'No, that will never happen'."** (timesonline.co.uk, 20.11.2008) Soon after Mr Lowry-Mullins had confronted Germany's persecution machinery with this perspective the German government had withdrawn the appeal and had signed a consent order to end the case.

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[A circumspect Tony Abbott? Who da thunk it!](#)

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott was out and about last week **[trying to plow fertile ground in the Adelaide hills](#)** and raise up the best xenophobic crop of 2010.

In the process he **[once again came face to face](#)** with alleged Holocaust-denier Gerald Federick Tobin.

Given the rich mine of embarrassing achieved material from his university and journalism days, it was rather surprising to find

his somewhat sympathetic 1987 Bulletin magazine article on Toben contained no over the top right-wing judgments of Australian society which might come back to haunt him. It seems a restrained and relatively balanced Tony Abbott may once have existed in an alternative universe....



Mr Abbott talks to Holocaust denier Frederick Toben yesterday

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Case of the teacher who wasn't kept in

Tony Abbott, *The Bulletin*, 1987

Doctor Fredrick Toben has achieved what many thought impossible. He has been sacked for "incompetence" as a teacher in an Australian school.

Despite the quoted desire of NSW Education Minister Rod Cavalier to weed out "malingerers in the staffroom", dismissal is not a threat our teachers normally face. Educators contacted by *The Bulletin* said that any dismissal was rare and dismissal for alleged incompetence almost unknown. The picture which emerges is of teaching authorities who take a benign, almost parental view of their employees' failings.

Most teachers dismissals follow significant criminal convictions. Others occur only after the failure of an elaborate counselling process. In Australian schools, complaints against teachers are normally handled by principals. If not resolved, they are referred to the department of education.

The Victorian Ministry of Education, which employs 55,000 teachers, dismisses "three or four" for incompetence each year - usually when "an element of senility" is involved. An official of a Catholic education office in Victoria, employing about 1000 teachers, said that he had "never written a letter of dismissal".

As a spokesman for the NSW Education Department - which employs nearly 48,000 teachers and has dismissed "a very few" - put it: "If someone has successfully passed teachers college, there are usually personal reasons for sub-standard performance...Quite often, with a particular group, a person may not feel comfortable...We would usually transfer such a person to another school where there was more motivation and security..."

Only when subsequent inspection shows no improvement and when a teacher declines to resign, may formal disciplinary proceedings be instituted - possibly leading to dismissal. Most teachers resign at this point. Fredrick Toben stubbornly refused because he had done nothing wrong.

Toben's troubles began in 1983 when the Goroke Consolidated School principal, Ray McCraw, withdrew approval for his permanency application. McCraw said that Toben's classes had deteriorated.

Toben said that McCraw felt threatened by his qualifications - Arts degrees from Melbourne and Wellington universities, a doctorate from Stuttgart University and 17 years' teaching experience in Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Nigeria and Zimbabwe.

Goroke is in far western Victoria. In a small town, small school atmosphere, rumors spread that McCraw was unhappy with Toben. He became something of an outcast in the staffroom. Some pupils began to disrupt his classes. Victoria - unlike other states - has no provision for formal inspection of

teachers thought to be unsatisfactory. Toben asked several times for inspection. Instead, in mid-1984, a "support group" was set up. It comprised McCraw and three other teachers as well as Toben's nominee, fellow teacher Glenn Duncan. After four weeks' observation the group agreed that Toben's classes were unruly and that his teaching methods were inappropriate. Duncan - who signed the group's report with some reservations - recently told *The Bulletin* that Toben "didn't really get a fair go" and that his problems were the result of a "personality clash" with McCraw, compounded by philosophical differences, which had gradually infected the whole school.

Next, a formal inquiry was held in October 1984. It was conducted jointly by a union official and a senior officer of the Victorian Ministry of Education who wrote to Toben beforehand saying that the inquiry was "fact-finding, rather than judgmental". Despite this, the inquiry endorsed the support group's assessment and expressed a "strong preference" that Toben be "dismissed from the teaching service".

Toben's case was finally heard by the then Director-General of Victorian Education, Dr Norman Curry. According to Toben - and this has not been denied by the ministry - Curry said: "Give me a good reason why I should not act on the inquiry's recommendation that you be dismissed."

Normally, these hearings are quasi-judicial - both sides call and question witnesses. In his case, Curry questioned Toben and four of his supporters but Toben did not have a chance to question McCraw. Toben was not represented. On February 4, 1985, Curry informed Toben that he had been dismissed for "incompetence".

Since then, Toben - who now drives a school bus - has been trying to re-enter the teaching profession. The ministry has said that it will re-employ him after "evidence of successful teaching". But no school, so far, has been prepared to take him on. The Ombudsman has refused to investigate without evidence of "clear injustice". That, however, is precisely what Toben hoped an investigation would determine.

Toben's former union, the Victorian Secondary Teachers Association, told *The Bulletin* that correct procedures had been observed in his case as far as it was concerned.

A senior state educator, who requested anonymity..., admitted that "...it's not a fair world...Toben was not the worst teacher in the system and there are hundreds who are the same...Toben may have been unlucky..."

Bad luck or injustice? Professor Lauchlan Chipman, of Wollongong University, said that "even awkward and unpopular people have rights". He said Toben's case "typified the fate of the one-off model in Australia."

While school authorities are making determined efforts to lift teaching performance and elaborate procedures are in place to ensure that this does not occur at the expense of teachers' rights, it would be ironic if one of the few sacked for incompetence turned out not to have deserved it.

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Peter Wakefield Sault said...

As a personal friend of Dr Toben it's pretty clear to me that the charge of "incompetence" laid against Dr Toben is a cover for political persecution. Dr Toben's real "crime" has been always been the identification of the so-called 'Holocaust' as a fraud, a fabrication designed to allow the Mishpucka (the Jewish Mafia) to steal Palestine and practice their genocidal racism against the indigenous Palestinians, not to mention their apparent intention to destroy Western Civilization and

throw us all back into the dark ages of 1000BC as their slaves. That's all that World Wars I and II were all about.

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Anonymous said...

Agreed. I find it incredible that so many people are fighting the same enemy all over the world in various ways, and when you point it out, they laugh or ridicule, and continue to complain!

I think most people are afraid to actually look and see, because they are too proud to admit they are wrong, or were easily fooled by the jews. I used to "believe" what they said at face value. No more.

That's the only hurdle at the moment, and won't take long to overcome as more and more people start to lose their homes and wonder why their dollar buys nothing anymore.

The jews create fictional money out of thin air, and loan it to people at interest. The government allows this because they are there to safeguard the system and protect the bankers scam. The admiralty court system is there to extract money from people.

The only thing Jews can do is force the people to accept the system by formenting terror and keeping people in a state of fear, backed up by their media.

Once this tactic comes to light, no matter what they try do, people see it for what it is. It's one big extortion protection racket.

The holocau\$ has been a very successful mind weapon on people (making the jews seem like endless victims), but it's wearing thin after hundreds of movies and constant whining by *survivors* who can't keep their stories straight, or conflict with physical evidence, and the truth is finally surfacing.

Any rational person can see there is something they are hiding. In fact they are hiding a mountain of truth from people. They are holding back incredible technology that provides free energy, so you have to buy it from them.

It's a race against time now for the jews to get their new world communist order, as the internet is smashing their lies daily.

For those that know nothing about jews, please take the time to learn about them, and what they really think of you.

Read in their own words what they have planned -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8bCRtoEfZY>

Good on Fred Toben for throwing a spanner in their works!

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<http://northcoastvoices.blogspot.com.au/2010/11/circumspect-tony-abbott-who-da-thunk-it.html>

High Court rules out compensation to public servant injured while having sex in a motel

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THE HIGH Court has refused workers compensation to a public servant injured having sex in a motel during a work trip, in a case seen as a test of employers' liability.

The court found the sexual encounter which led to the injury - in which a light fitting was pulled from its mount and fell on the woman - did not arise as a result of an "inducement" or "encouragement" by her employer. The woman, then in her late 30s and employed in the human relations section of a commonwealth government agency, was staying in a motel booked by her employer in a regional town in November 2007.

While at the motel, she met a friend for dinner and they returned to her room for sex. During intercourse, a glass light fitting above the bed was pulled from its mount, either by her or her companion. The light fitting caused damage to the woman's nose and mouth and the psychological impact was so great she also claimed post-traumatic stress disorder.

She sought compensation from Comcare under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act on the basis the injuries were suffered "in the course of" her employment. The Administrative Appeals Tribunal found the injuries were unrelated to her employment but, on appeal, the Federal Court of Australia set aside the tribunal's decision.

This was upheld by the Full Court of the Federal Court, which found the woman's

injuries occurred in an "interval or interlude" during an overall period of work and must be considered to fall within the normal course of her employment. By special leave, Comcare appealed to the High Court, with the matter seen as an important test case.

The then opposition spokesman for workplace relations, Eric Abetz - now Minister for Employment - raised the prospect of the commonwealth and other employers being liable for everything from paper cuts suffered during card games to sexually transmitted diseases. He even flagged the prospect of a review if the High Court upheld the finding.

Today, Senator Abetz hailed the ruling as a victory for common sense. In its decision, a majority of the High Court found the "interval or interlude" during which the injury was sustained did not arise as a result of inducement or encouragement by the woman's employer. "A majority of the High Court held that in order for an injury sustained in an interval or interlude during an overall period of work to be in the course of an employee's employment, the circumstances in which the employee was injured must be connected to an inducement or encouragement by the employer," it found. "When the circumstances of an injury involve the employee engaging in an activity at the time of the injury, the relevant question is: did the employer

induce or encourage the employee to engage in that activity? "On the facts of the respondent's case, the majority held that the answer to that question was 'no'."

In a dissenting decision, Justice Stephen Gageler said the woman was at a motel where her employer encouraged her to be and the overnight stay was within the overall work period. "The particular activity in which the respondent was engaged at the time she was injured does not enter into the analysis," he said.

Senator Abetz said the court's decision would ensure workplace safety was not trivialised in the future.

"The High Court has taken a very welcome commonsense approach that will see a more sensible approach prevail in the future," he said. "This decision also means that the definition of 'work-related injury' is more clearly defined."

He said it was important that employees did not stretch the boundaries of their entitlements. "I commend Comcare on its stand and willingness to see this matter through to the highest court in the land."

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